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HALIFAX IN FLAMES FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION OF MUNITIONS SHIPS IN HARBOR; MANY BELIEVED DEAD

Buildings Along Water Front Torn to Pieces; Shipping Suffers Severely and Wire Communication is Entirely Cut Off.

TRANSPORT REPORTED IN HARBOR AT THE TIME

By Associated Press.

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, December 6.—As a result of the explosion of an American munitions ship this morning, nearly one half of the north end of the city of Halifax has been destroyed, a great fire is raging, the dead are lying thick in the streets, all the hospitals are filled to overflowing and many injured are compelled to walk about unaided.

PRURO, N. S., Dec. 6.—Three hundred dead and many hundred injured was the estimate this afternoon of the casualties resulting when an ammunition ship rammed a passenger liner at Halifax today.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Dec. 6.—A large part of Halifax, N. S., is in flames following an explosion in the harbor this morning. Three vessels, one of them loaded with munitions of war, including high explosives, collided, many buildings along the water front were torn to pieces and many persons are believed to have been killed.

Other shipping in the harbor suffered severely and the crews of several are said to have been killed.

Wire communication between this city and Halifax was interrupted soon after the explosion and before more than fragmentary reports had been received.

The munitions ship blown up was said to have been an American.

At the moment of the explosions a fierce storm was sweeping the harbor and it is supposed that the collision of the vessels was due to this.

It was reported that a transport was in the harbor at the time but nothing definite concerning this could be learned. One of the buildings that suffered severely was occupied by the Western Union Telegraph company and was the terminus of the cable lines to the United States.

One report says that two telegraph operators were killed and another that several employes lost their lives.

It is possible that the censorship at Halifax may prevent details of the disaster becoming known immediately when wire communication is restored. Meanwhile frantic efforts are being made by the telegraph companies to restore their lines to some point in the vicinity of Halifax and within easy reach by courier.

HUNDREDS OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION

AMHERST, NOVA SCOTIA, Dec. 6.—Scores have been killed, hundreds of Halifax set on fire by an explosion which occurred after the collision of an American ammunition ship and another vessel at Rockingham, according to telephone messages reaching here this morning. The explosion was so terrific that it destroyed the insulation in the telegraph and telephone offices for 30 miles around Halifax, while it was heard at Pruro, 61 miles distant.

It is reported that the American munitions steamer was moving out from her pier and was rammed cross side by another vessel. Instantly there was a tremendous explosion which destroyed the two ships and killed their crews.

The concussion resulting caused the roof of the railway depot at North street to collapse, while all the warehouses on the water front for a mile and a half were damaged. The premises effected in many places caught fire.

The force of the concussion was so great that freight cars were blown off the tracks along a stretch of nearly two miles. Messages asking for fire engines and fire fighting apparatus, doctors, nurses, and hospital supplies were received from Halifax by a number of localities in Nova Scotia.

Special trains were made up with everything required that could be procured. At Pruro, Windsor, and here, the city councils met this morning and decided to take immediate steps to render aid to the afflicted people in Halifax. It is understood that large quantities of food were destroyed and that the citizens of that place may soon be in danger of starving.

It was decided that carloads of food must be dispatched at once.

The damage done to the Western Union and Canadian Pacific Telegraph companies and Nova Scotia Telephone company is so complete it is likely to be days before wire communication with points outside Halifax can be restored.

The area of destruction covers several miles. The Canadian government depot used by the Canadian Pacific railway is described as having entirely collapsed while a big government repair plant at Willow park in the northwestern section of the city is wrecked.

Rockingham is located well within Halifax harbor at the mouth of Bedford basin. It is at the northwest portion of the harbor and since the war has been used as an examining station for ocean steamers. It was at this portion of the harbor that ex-Ambassador Bernstoff and party were held and examined on their way from the United States to Germany.

The whole northern section of Halifax is a mass of wreckage and fire has broken out in a dozen parts of the city, according to reports received shortly after noon.

PRURO, Dec. 6.—The loss of life in the Halifax explosion is placed at [illegible] according to reports received here. It is also understood that the number of the injured is correspondingly large.

TELEGRAPH LINES TO HALIFAX ALL CUT

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—According to advices received here, the Halifax disaster was due to the blowing up of a munitions ship in the harbor at 8 o'clock this morning. All telegraph wires are down and the damage is serious. It is believed a number of people near the scene were either killed or injured, including several telegraph employes.

CENSOR TAKES CONTROL OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Dec. 6. It is announced here that the censor has taken control of all wires in Halifax in connection with the explosion today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Halifax has been cut off from all communication with the rest of the world either by wire or cable, according to officials of the Western Union Cable company here. All land lines are down and the plant of the United States Direct Cable company at Halifax has been so damaged by the explosion that it cannot be operated.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

In the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad company against the New Haven & Dunbar Railroad company, the jury under instructions yesterday afternoon found for the plaintiff in the sum of $773.95. The case is the result of a demurrage charge for cars of iron ore shipped for use at the Dunbar furnace in 1910.

GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE ON ASIAGO FRONT FOLLOWED BY GAS AND INFANTRY ATTACKS

By Associated Press.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, December 5.—Heavy fighting around Asiago has developed rapidly. The enemy assaults began with intense artillery preparations followed by liquid gas and waves of infantry.

The fighting continued throughout yesterday and last night along the heights back of Asiago marked by the zone between the heights of Monte Sisemol and Monte Melette. This line extends nearly 10 miles.

Attacks and counter attacks are going on, leaving the final outcome still open.

LATE HALIFAX BULLETINS.

ST. JOHNS, December 6.—An unofficial report received at 2 o'clock this afternoon said the fire at Halifax was under control. The origin of the report which was put on the telegraph wires could not be determined.

PRURO, December 6.—Reports reaching here early this afternoon said it was feared several scores of people lost their lives when a railway station at Halifax collapsed. Twenty-five railway workers were killed on the track near Richmond.

Advices from Halifax early this afternoon gave the number of dead from the ship explosion at 300.

RUSSIANS AND CENTRAL POWERS DISAGREE OVER TERMS OF AN ARMISTICE

Bolsheviki Want Germans to Retire From Moon Island and Eastern Front.

By Associated Press.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 6.—Representatives of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria met the Russian emissaries at Brest-Litovsk to discuss terms of an armistice. The delegates of the Central Powers informed the Russians that they had power to negotiate only the conditions of an armistice, which a Russian official communication calls, "an evasive declaration."

The request of the Russian delegates that all the belligerents be asked to take part in reaching an armistice on all fronts was met by the enemy statement that it did not possess such powers. The Russians then presented a project for an armistice on all fronts, the principal points of which were the promise that the Austro-Germans would not send forces from the Eastern front to other fronts and that the Germans should retire from the islands around Moon sound. The Russians were handed a proposal for an armistice on the Western front which is now being examined by the Russians.

To Visit Camp Meigs.

Mrs. W. O. Foley and daughter, Miss Catherine Foley of East Crawford avenue will leave tomorrow morning for Washington, D. C., to see Mrs. Foley's son, John J. Foley and her nephew, Linford Ruth, who have enlisted in the Quartermasters' corps of the U. S. A., and are stationed at Camp Meigs. While in Washington they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ruth, a brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Foley.

Sell Deputy Grand Master.

John S. Sell of Greensburg was yesterday elected deputy grand master of the Masonic grand lodge of Pennsylvania in session at Philadelphia. James M. Krauz of Williamsport was elected grand master.

No Police Appointed Yet

No new police have yet been appointed to take the places of the five patrolmen who have resigned.

HOUSE TO PASS WAR DECLARATION AGAINST AUSTRIA TOMORROW

Resolution is Reported From Committee and Will be Debated at Once.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—With a formal report from the foreign affairs committee, the resolution to declare war on Austria-Hungary was today brought into the House of Representatives.

While the House was going through the preliminaries, the Senate foreign relations committee was in conference on the war resolution.

The House committee's report reviews at length the causes leading up to the declaration of war.

There were no dissenting votes in the committee and at the request of Chairman Flood the House gave its unanimous consent to take up the resolution tomorrow at the beginning of the session and pass it before tomorrow night.

The only question left undecided today was the length of the debate. Chairman Flood suggested that each side of the House take one hour, but Representative Gillett, acting Republican leader, suggested that that was too short a time for such an important subject. At the suggestion of Democratic Leader Kitchen, a decision was put over until tomorrow morning.

Chairman Flood told the House amid enthusiastic applause that the President would ask Congress to declare war against Turkey and Bulgaria later if he deemed it expedient, but that the President and his advisers regarded it unwise at this time.

Representative Miller of Minnesota, the only member of the committee who was disposed to insist on including Turkey and Bulgaria told the House he favored war on those two countries but was willing to wait. He voted, however, in favor of the resolution as it was reported today.

At the conclusion of Mr. Flood's statement the House adjourned until tomorrow.

25 AIRPLANES RAID LONDON AND ENGLISH COAST; 2 SHOT DOWN

Drop Bombs, Causing Many Fires in British Metropolis; Casualties Light.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—About 25 airplanes raided England today, it is announced officially. Of these six reached London.

Two of the raiders were brought down, the crew of three on each machine being captured.

Bombs dropped by the raiders caused a number of fires in London but all of them were quickly brought under control. The casualties are believed to be light.

The text of the report by Field Marshal Lord French, commander of the British home forces, regarding the air raid is as follows:

"A raid by about 25 enemy airplanes took place early this morning. The first group came in over Kent at 1.30 A. M., and dropped bombs on and near the coast. The second group made land shortly after 2 A. M."

Fields Trial December 18.

George Fields, alias "Chicago Slim," alleged pickpocket who was shot twice while getting away from Patrolman D. H. Turner here on October 27 and was later arrested in a Toledo hospital, was released on bail from the county jail at Uniontown on November 27. The grand jury found a true bill against Fields yesterday, and his trial is set for December 18. He is to be turned over to the Detroit police following the disposition of the Fayette county case.

Weather Forecast

Probably snow tonight; Friday, partly cloudy, is the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

Temperature Record.

	1917	1916
Maximum	45	50
Minimum	31	31
Mean	38	41

The Yough river fell from 1.70 to 1.66 feet during the night.

FOUR-MINUTE MEN TO BEGIN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN AT ONCE

Addresses at All City Theatres Are Scheduled For Saturday Night.

ASK VOLUNTEER ORATORS

The active campaign of the Connellsville Four-Minute Men is to be begun at once. John Duggan, Jr., chairman of the local committee, really launched the thing at the Thanksgiving eve dance of the high school alumni, but there has been no speaking in the theatres and moving picture houses as yet. That begins Saturday night.

J. Kirk Renner, secretary of the organization here, has prepared a schedule for the speakers, and he announced this program this morning. On Friday night, John Duggan, Jr., will appear at the high school auditorium, and will speak between the acts of the play to be given by the Parish Players, as the second number of the high school entertainment course.

Saturday night theatre patrons will hear the first four minute speeches here. Ross S. Matthews will speak at the Orpheum, S. R. Goldsmith at the Soisson, F. E. Younkin at the Arcade, and J. Kirk Renner at the Paramount. On Monday, Mr. Duggan will appear at the Soisson, Mr. Matthews at the Arcade, S. P. Ashe at the Paramount, and B. B. Smith at the Orpheum. On Tuesday morning, Mr. Younkin will speak at the high school chapel exercises. On Wednesday evening, Mr. Duggan will speak at the Orpheum, Mr. Matthews at the Paramount, Mr. Goldsmith at the Arcade and Mr. Ashe at the Soisson.

Mr. Renner said that the committee had not been definitely organized as yet. "We are still on the lookout for a couple of good men," he said, "men who have a certain prominence in the city, and who are willing to give the work some of their time." Eight speakers have already been enlisted, H. George May being included in addition to the seven men mentioned in the first week's schedule given above.

In the future, Mr. Renner will make out a two weeks' schedule and present copies to each speaker and to the theatrical managers. All the managers readily gave their consent to have the speakers appear in their houses. They are, in fact, enthusiastic about the arrangement, feeling that the speeches will help rather than hinder the attendance.

The speakers pledge themselves that an audience will not be tormented with a harangue of indefinite language and for an indefinite time. When a Four Minute man appears, he talks for just four minutes. Then he quits. A definite agreement to this effect has been made with the moving picture industry. Then, as to his language, he doesn't say anything he feels like saying, and doesn't voice any personal opinions that might hurt his listeners. He uses material sent out by the committee on public information, Washington, and impresses facts as the administration views facts, on his hearers.

The speakers will not apologize for their appearance, nor will they spend any time in thanking the theatre managers. They feel that they are but doing their duty when they make a four minute speech. A slide reading, "The United States government presents [illegible] who will speak four minutes," will precede the appearance of each man. A report will be made on the committee's activities to Washington.

The speakers will make their remarks between pictures at the movie houses, rather than between shows, when there is so much confusion.

Six Arrested.

Two prisoners were brought before Mayor Marietta this morning, one getting three days on the streets and the other paying a $3.50 fine. Four others arrested during the night paid $8.50 fines.

BOXES FOR COMPANY D AND HOSPITAL MEN ARE PACKED TODAY

Red Cross Rooms Busy Place as Xmas Packages For Soldiers Are Made Up.

The Red Cross rooms in the Federal building presented a busy scene this morning when a large number of women assembled to pack 200 Christmas boxes for members of Company D and the 110th Regiment Hospital corps, stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

The boxes, which were neatly wrapped with white tissue paper and tied with red ribbon, will be placed on a regimental Christmas tree to be arranged in the center of the camp.

A christmas card bearing the name of a contributor to the fund was placed in each box.

JOHN SMALL STATIONED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

John E. Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Small of Ogden street, who enlisted in the 188th Aero Equadron, is stationed at Kelly Field No. 2, South Antonio, Texas, according to a letter written to his parents. He writes that he is enjoying good health and is delighted with Army life. Before enlisting Small was shop foreman for the Hyatt Motor company.

SIX COKE REGION MEN ENLIST, THREE AS AIRMEN

Enlistments at Pittsburg recruiting depots yesterday included: Dawson Miller of Smithton, John W. Rishel of Farmington, and Scott Workman of Mount Pleasant, all in the United States Army.

Three men of this region have enlisted in the flying branch of the aviation section at the Pittsburg recruiting office. They are as follows: Alvin Croft, Mount Pleasant; Gilbert S. Gove, Everson; Howard L. Donaldson, Jagonier.

TRUCK HELD UP

Fire Department Loses Time When P. R. R. Train Blocks Street.

The fire truck lost valuable time last evening when its progress was blocked by a Pennsylvania train while answering a fire alarm from Sligo. Incidentally, the Pennsylvania railroad came in for a lot of criticism because after the northbound passenger train had blocked North Pittsburg street and Fire Chief W. E. DeBolt had ordered a detour via Mountain alley, it was only to find the way blocked again owing to the alley being torn up for paving incident to the Pennsy improvements. The truck finally got to the fire by way of Pittsburg street.

The blaze was in a house in Sligo Row, occupied by John Lovey. It had caught from a spark from a chimney. Sligo employes brought a chemical extinguisher from the office and they had the fire out before the big truck arrived. The alarm came at truck arrived. The alarm came at about 5:35 o'clock.

True Bill Against Lindley.

Four indictments contained in three bills were returned against F. M. Lindley, senior partner of the Lindley-Burkey Lumber company of Connellsville, by the grand jury in court at Uniontown yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lindley is charged with converting to his own use, through false book entries and fradulent appropriation of checks, the sum of $223.69, $50, $120, and $100. The information was preferred against him by F. A. Burkey. Mr. Lindley's trial is set for Thursday, December 13.

To Return From Hospital.

Mrs. S. E. Satterfield, who underwent an operation in St. Joseph's hospital, Pittsburg, accompanied by Mr. Satterfield and son Irwin, who went to Pittsburg this morning, will return home this evening.

K. OF C. TO START WAR FUND CANVASS HERE NEXT MONDAY

Committee Named By Local Council Will Cover City and Suburbs.

EXPECT LIBERAL RESPONSE

Meeting of All Members Called For Tonight at 8 O'clock at Local Council Rooms, at Which Details of the Canvass Will be Talked Over.

To make plans for conducting the local end of the big Knights of Columbus war fund campaign, all Connellsville members of the Knights of Columbus will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in special session, in the Title & Trust building. The meeting will be under the auspices of an executive committee, selected a few days ago, and composed of members residing in all parts of the region.

Actual solicitation for the fund will begin next Monday morning, when the campaign will be started throughout Western Pennsylvania. The committee is composed of Rev. Father J. T. Burns, Rev. Father W. F. Hertz, Rev. Father Louis von Korace, Rev. Father Henry DeVivo, Rev. Father T. S. Truzak, Rev. Father J. P. Brennan, Rev. Father E. A. Glennon, Rev. Father A. C. Canova, W. F. Soisson, T. B. Donnelly, J. J. Daugherty, P. J. Walsh, J. J. Ash, Michael Cervenak, L. E. Cuneo, James DeOre, J. E. Kelly, V. H. Soisson, J. W. Ralston, J. L. Conway, James Burns, D. S. Trimble, James Corcoran, Wilbert Madigan, James Connell, James Barrett, Ed. Smith, John Daugherty, T. L. Mulvey, Joseph A. Burns, W. J. Boyland, Martin McDonald, P. J. Tormay, Henry Brown, M. L. Lohan, Basil Soisson, J. J. Cuneo, L. J. Lowney, John Irwin, P. J. Harrigan, John Collins, P. J. O'Connor and J. J. Brady.

The fund is to be raised to finance the welfare work of the Knights of Columbus among the soldiers. The organization, together with the Y. M. C. A. has been selected by the government to handle this work. Amusement and recreation is furnished to all soldiers regardless of creed. The religious need of the Catholics, comprising about 40 per cent of the men in the service, are supplied by the Knights of Columbus; those of non-Catholics in the camps by the Y. M. C. A.

There is no expense connected with the Knights of Columbus fund except for advertising, the canvassing and other work being done by volunteers and by the officers of the lodge, who have agreed to do it in addition to their regular duties.

The Yough region has contributed liberally to all the other war funds, and the committee believes its task of securing money will not be a big one. No large sum will be solicited or expected from any one person. It is not likely that the contributions will be confined to Catholics since the work of the organization in the camps is non-sectarian.

JEWISH FLAG DAY

December 9 Set Aside to Receive National Fund Donations.

The Jewish National Fund bureau of America has proclaimed Sunday, December 9 as Flag Day in America, and it requests all Jewish people to contribute to the Jewish National Fund on this day. Samuel D. Oppenheim has been appointed by the bureau to take charge of the collections in Connellsville and vicinity.

Small flags will be distributed on that day by the committee.

The purpose of this fund is to provide a home for Jewish people who do not believe in assimilation, by purchasing land for Jewish settlements.

The Jewish National Fund assures a continuity of Jewish efforts for the regaining of the land of Israel. It is a corporation and an institution that can live forever. Its officers may change but the corporation continues. The longevity of the National Fund is assured by the reserve fund and by its inalienable possessions of land.

TO MAKE CHANGES

Mayor Duggan to Rearrange Furnishings of Council Chamber.

Mayor-elect John Duggan proposes to start his administration on January 1 with a new sheet and a clean one. He will carry out his own ideas in all particulars, even to the furnishings of the council chamber. Mr. Duggan this morning prepared to make a big change in this room.

The platform at the end, on which the mayor and city clerk now sit, will be removed and the mayor, clerk, and councilmen, will all sit around one big table to transact their business. The long table which now stands on the platform will be removed. The new mayor did not like the idea of sitting on the "throne" behind a big table, with his colleagues below him.

Broad Ford Returns.

Broad Ford's contribution to the Y. M. C. A. war fund drive was between $20 and $30, according to reports made by the collectors, John P. Trader and H. George May.

Open Saturdays Too.

The Red Cross rooms are open to workers on Saturday, not only two days a week, as stated yesterday.

51,408 STITCHES IN PAIR OF SOCKS WOMEN ARE KNITTING FOR MEN IN ARMY AND NAVY

There are 51,408 stitches in a pair of woolen socks such as thousands on thousands of patriotic women throughout the United States are knitting for the soldiers and sailors. When a mathematically inclined person gets to figuring out the number of stitches that make up a sweater, a helmet, a scarf, or a complete comfort set, the result is staggering.

"They surely are doing their bit" one man declared after getting lost in a maze of figures without having included the wristlets in his computation.

And when reports come in from time to time of aged women turning in perfectly knitted pieces, the admiration of this small part of women's war work grows.

Opinions differ among knitters as to the most difficult pieces to knit. A sweater, admittedly, is the biggest. Some women say a helmet, because of the shaping necessary to get it just right, is the hardest to do; others say they would rather knit a helmet than a sweater. And there you are.

To the observer, the knitting of a pair of socks, which require four needles, is by far the most intricate, but expert knitters declare this is comparatively easy. So there you are again.

A new recruit to the corps of aged knitters is Mrs. Henry O'Neil of Smithfield, wife of the well known justice. Mrs. O'Neil is past 70 and she is now well on with her second pair of woolen socks.

This means that she has already executed the 51,408 stitches mentioned above as composing a pair of socks and is going through the process again. Other aged knitters whose work has already been turned in are:

Mrs. Anna Hair, 87, of near Vanderbilt; made one pair of socks and is at work on other knitted articles.

Mrs. Anna Welshons, 87, of Dawson, recently turned in a sweater which she made in 10 days.

Mrs. Catherine Cramer, 87, formerly of Indian Head but now of Davidson avenue, South Side; knitted two pairs of socks in November and is now engaged on third.

SHARP-EYED CENSOR REFUSES TO LET EARL RUSSELL TELL OF U. S. AVIATORS' EXPLOITS

If any friend of our soldiers is in doubt as to what would form the most acceptable Christmas gift, they need but to read the many expressions of appreciation which come from the boys who are in regular receipt of a copy of The Courier. That this is the most heartening and welcome to their lives at the far away stations, is evidenced by the following letter just received from Earl K. Russell, a Connellsville boy with the 15th Regiment of Engineers, United States Army, American Expeditionary Forces in France.

"You have no idea how much pleasure I derive from the regular receipt of The Courier and reading about the doings of my friends 'back home,' even though the news is five or six weeks old when received.

"The letters from the boys at Camp Lee and Camp Hancock prove very interesting to me. They, as well as we over here, are taking part in a great game, and they will find that they will need all of the training they are receiving in the States.

"I have witnessed young French officers training for the front. They train many months, and stage many sham battles that are just like the real thing. It is all seriousness with them and they do not understand why we smile as we look on."

At this point the censor deleted a portion of a paragraph which evidently referred to American aviators in France as the annihilated portion of the sentence reads, "think that they surpass the French and English when it comes to dare-devil feats in the air.

"Ours is the veteran regiment in France. We have been in active service since July 21. We were in active service in France in much less than two months from the time we started training at Oakmont. So far that is the record for quick work in getting into the game 'over here.'

"Howard L. Dunbar, a former resident of Connellsville, and a member of my company (D), wishes to be remembered to his friends, and I wish to give still further appreciation of The Courier.

New Night Watchman.

John Barnes, former patrolman, is the new night watchman.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL



Announcement has been made of the marriage of Constance Helen [illegible] of [illegible] City, Fla., and Earle [illegible] Risbeck of Brownsville, solemnized November 28. The bride is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walter T. Cavell. After December 15 Mr. and Mrs. Risbeck will be at home in Jasper, Florida.

Miss Hannah Scott and Howard S. Mills, of South Brownsville, were married last evening at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist church in Brownsville, Rev. Arthur Gee, the pastor officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Mills will reside in South Brownsville, where Mr. Mills is a professor of music.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conway will entertain the IXII club this evening at their home in the South Side.

Mrs. E. C. Louden was hostess at a very enjoyable meeting of the Silver Thimble club yesterday afternoon at her home in East Cedar avenue. The afternoon was spent at sewing and knitting. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Harry Louden of Dunbar was an out of town guest. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles F. Hirst in Blackstone avenue.

Large and successful was a dance given last evening in the Cochran banquet hall at Dawson to raise funds for the purchase of blankets for the soldiers. Dancing was kept up until after midnight and a most enjoyable time was had. Music was rendered by Kiferle's orchestra and a buffet luncheon was served. The hall was prettily decorated, patriotic appointments prevailing. Among the out of town guests were Misses Hearietta Shelkey, Catherine O'Connor, Mildred Hopkins, Nelle Flanniken, Ethel Flenniken and Mary See, Kirk Dilwarth, Bernard O'Connor, Paul Ralston, Frank Herbert, Denny Hickey, S. E. Porter, Charles Scheller and William Clasper of Connellsville.

The last meeting of the Union Farmers club of Fayette county for the year will be held Saturday December 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smith near Dunbar. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other business in connection with the club transacted. Readings and recitations will be given by members.

The regular meeting of the C. W. B. M. Auxiliary of the Christian church is being held this afternoon in the church with Mrs. Benton Boyd leader.

The annual Christmas bazaar of the Young Ladies' Guild of the Trinity Reformed church will be held tomorrow and Friday in O. S. Getty's store in South Pittsburg street. A wonderful display of fancywork and articles of a more staple nature, suitable for Christmas remembrances, will be on sale.

The Woman's Bible class of the First Baptist church is meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Witman in North First street, West Side.

Miss Sadie Steele gave a chicken and waffle dinner Wednesday at her home at Steelcraft, near Mount Pleasant in honor of Miss Elizabeth McKiveen of Greensburg. Covers for twelve were laid.

In a letter to her mother, Mrs. Catherine Wallace, Mrs. Zita Wallace Salmonte, wife of Dr. Salmonte, writes that they had as their guest over night at Cleon Indre, France, the summer home of Dr. Salmonte's parents, Lieutenant Walter Davison of Uniontown. Lieutenant Davison is on a torpedo boat in the war zone.

A wonderful collection of fancywork and other attractive articles are on sale at the annual Christmas bazaar of the King's Daughters of the Trinity Lutheran church, which opened this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the social room of the church. Prettily decorated booths, presided over by members of the society, are laden ed with a great variety of dainty camisoles boudoir caps, aprons, pillow cases, towels and ever so many novelties suitable for Christmas remembrances. From 5 until 8 o'clock this evening the annual chicken and waffle supper of the Ladies' Aid society will be held in connection with the bazaar. The ladies, who are noted for their famous waffles, have arranged to serve a large crowd, and all who attend are assured an excellent supper.

No more refreshments to be served at the regular meetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the First Presbyterian church until after the close of the war. This action was taken at the regular meeting of the two societies held yesterday afternoon in the church. The meeting was well attended and was one of interest. The Foreign society held the first meeting. Papers were read by Mrs. J. M. Cecil, Mrs. H. M. Kerr, and Mrs. W. K. Allen. At the conclusion of the meeting the Home society held a short business session.

Twenty-six members of the Philip Freman chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, heard Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook of Pittsburg, state regent of the Daughters of American Revolution, give a most interesting talk this morning in the parlor of the Smith House. Miss Clara Pritchard, regent of the local D. A. R., presided, and introduced Mrs. Cook, who told of the splendid work which is being done by the state D. A. R. According to Mrs. Cook's talk the state D. A. R. has sent five ambulances, each costing $1,000, to France, four kitchens costing $800 each. The Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Brookline chapters each donated a kitchen. The ambition of the state D. A. R. is to provide 135. The National D. A. R. has decided to rebuild Tilloly, a small town in France. It will cost $53,000 to rebuild the town and furnish farm implements, cattle, etc. Mrs. Cook stated that at the next Liberty Loan issue the National D. A. R. will purchase Liberty Bonds amounting to $100,000. Following Mrs. Cook's address a well appointed dinner was served in the diningroom of the hotel. A color scheme of pink and white, with carnations forming the decorations, was attractively carried out. From Connellsville Mrs. Cook went to Uniontown to discuss plans for the organization of a chapter there.

The weekly Bible study of the Business Women's Christian Association will be held tonight in the association room in the First National bank building, with Mrs. J. F. Kerr in charge.

The annual reception of the Young Ladies' Sodality and the Children of Mary will be held Sunday night in the Immaculate Conception church.

A business and social meeting of the J. O. C. Jr. class of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will be held tomorrow night at the home of Miss Ruth Cunningham, No 124 East Apple street.

The Christmas bazaar, which was to have been held Friday and Saturday of this week by the Philathea class of the Christian Sunday school, has been postponed to Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15.

Mrs. W. O. Adrian has returned home from an extended visit with relatives in Bath, Maine.

PERSONALS

Dr. G. W. Gallagher of the West Side, left yesterday morning for Philadelphia on business. He will return Sunday.

The best place to shop after all, Brownell Shoe Co.—Adv.

Miss Jean Hurst is spending a few days at her home at Industry, near Beaver Falls.

Special Sale at Leches of Ladies' Winter Suits and Coats, 1-4, 1-3 and 1-2 off. Children's Coats, 10 and 15 per cent off.—Adv.—3-6t

Mrs. Nannie Younkin of Baltimore, returned home this morning after a visit with her son, John Younkin and family at Smithfield, and her sister, Mrs. John Hoop of the West Side.

"My Wife's Husbands" at the Arcade today is the funniest show that ever came to town.—Adv.—6-1t.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maust and daughters, Mrs. Fred Alguire and Mrs. Irwin Satterfield, went to Uniontown this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Maust.

Mrs. S. J. I. Morningstar and Miss Harriet Huston of Dawson, were shopping in town today.

Miss Mary O'Connor of Pittsburg, is the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor in East Crawford avenue.

Mrs. Clark Page of Pittsburg, was here from Pittsburg yesterday to attend the funeral of her brother, John A. Shaw.

Mrs. Anna B. Schmitz and daughter, Miss Martha Schmitz, went to Mount Morris this morning to visit the former's father, J. H. Barrick, who is ill.

Public Auditorium for Uniontown.

A public auditorium is to be provided for the city of Uniontown through the generosity of several leading business men who have purchased the old Methodist Episcopal church for $30,000. The church building is to be turned over to the city as an auditorium, free library and meeting place for civic and war organizations. Maintenance probably will be made through an endowment.

Band Member Called Home.

Wilfred Cable, a member of the 110th Regimental Band, stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., was called home by the death of his father Austin E. Cable.

Eloise Harper Improving.

Eloise Harper, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harper of North Eighth street, West Side, is recovering after a serious illness of typhoid fever.

130,000 Masons in State.

Reports submitted to the grand lodge, in session at Philadelphia this week, show that the Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania has 130,000 members.

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WEDDED 50 YEARS

Squire and Mrs. W. P. Clark Complete Half Century of Wedded Bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Clark, prominent residents of Connellsville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last evening at their home in Lincoln avenue, with a family dinner, there being present with Mr. and Mrs. Clark, their three daughters, Misses Nelle and Harriet, Mrs. George M. Hosack and Mr. Hosack of Pittsburg, their son-in-law. The table was centered with a large bouquet of chrysanthemums. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have two grandchildren, George M. Hosack, Jr., a corporal in Company K, 111th Infantry, stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., and Miss Margaret Hosack, a student at Miss Marshall's school, Oak Lane, Philadelphia. Both were unable to be present at the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Clark, having resided in Connellsville for many years, have a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Clark is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the city. He is a veteran of the Civil War, and commander of the William F. Kurtz Post, No. 104, Grand Army of the Republic. During the war he served as a member of Company B, 112nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He has served as assessor, councilman and justice of the peace. Mrs. Clark is also prominent. She is serving her third term as a member of the Mothers' Assistance Board of Fayette county, and is a member of the Woman's Culture club, the Outlook club and Dolly Madison Chapter, Daughters of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are active members in the First Methodist Episcopal church.

Yesterday while attending a meeting of the Mothers' Assistance Board in Uniontown, Mrs. Clark was given a happy surprise when a daintily appointed dinner was given by members of the board at the Central hotel in her honor. The board presented her with a handsome brooch set with pearls.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosack's gift to Mr. and Mrs. Clark was $50 in gold. Another gift received by Mrs. Clark was a beautiful silk umbrella. Mr. and Mrs. Clark received congratulations from their friends throughout the day.

HURLEY HELLEN HURT

Local Lad Drives Bicycle Into Auto at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Hurley Hellen, 19 years old who with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Hellen, is spending the winter at Bleeka Villa, St. Petersburg, Florida, was severely injured two weeks ago when he fell from his bicycle after running into the rear of an automobile. He was thrown from the bicycle and his head struck a trunk on the rear of the car. He received an ugly gash in his forehead.

The injured boy was picked up by passersby, taken to the office of Dr. F. W. Wilcox, and given treatment. Later he was removed to his home, where he was put under the care of two physicians and a trained nurse. His injury, though painful, is not serious. Just how he happened to run into the automobile, which was stopped, is not known unless he turned his head to look at something and did not see the car. In a letter to her sister, Mrs. James M. Doyle of West Apple street, Mrs. Hellen writes that Hurley is getting along nicely.

MAY BE DESERTER

Man Found Unconscious From Scalp Wound is Placed in Custody.

George Anstinaski, who was found unconscious near Brimstone Corner late last night by Night Watchman John Barnes, and is recovering from a scalp wound at the Cottage State hospital now, has been placed in custody pending the receipt of information from Draft Board No. 2 at Mannington, W. Va.

Papers were found on Anstinaski which indicated that he may be a deserter. They show that he was called for examination and that he applied for exemption, but they do not show that his plea was granted. The board has been telegraphed for definite information.

How Anstinaski was hurt has not been discovered. Whether he fell or whether he was hit on the head is doubtful.

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AUSTIN E. CABLE.

The funeral of Austin E. Cable held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the First Baptist church, of which Mr. Cable was a member, was the largest held in Connellsville in recent years. Rev. Wilbur Nelson, the pastor, officiated, and a selected quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dull, Mrs. Nathan Evans and Charles D. Bailey, sang. The floral offerings which were numerous and beautiful included tributes from the 110th Regiment Band stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., the Connellsville Military band, the Ladies Aid society, the Men's Bible class and the officers of the church. James C. Munson, W. E. Penn, J. E. Jones and Joseph Metzgar served as pallbearers. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

JOHN W. PICKETT

The funeral of John W. Pickett, who died yesterday morning at his home in Glenwood, will take place Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock from the Pickett home in Almeda street and at 11 o'clock from the Hazelton Presbyterian church. Following the services the body will be shipped to Connellsville, arriving here on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 16, due at 3 o'clock, and removed by Funeral Director J. E. Sims to Hill Grove cemetery for interment. Mr. Pickett was born in Baltimore and at one time resided in Connellsville. He had lived in Pittsburg since 1884 and was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad until 16 years ago, when he became a clerk in the District Attorney's office of Allegheny county. He was a member of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church, of Joppa Lodge No. 605 F. & A. M., the Hazel Glen lodge No. 104, Mary Glen Rebecca lodge No. 251 and Glen Hazel Encampment No. 87, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hazel Lodge No. 120 Knights of Pythias, and the Royal Arcanum. He was grand marshal of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Past Grand of Lodge No. 1013, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Past Chief of Patriarch of Lodge No. 87, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Pickett married Miss Ella Snowden, who with one son, Charles H. Pickett, survives. He was a brother of Mrs. Katherine Cameron and Edward Pickett of the West Side, and of Robert Pickett. His parents, now deceased, resided at Brookvale for a number of years.

ROBERT M. JONES.

Robert M. Jones, 61, former clerk of courts of Westmoreland county, and president of the Jeannette Publishing company, died last evening at 6.30 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harriet Bambrick in Arthur avenue, Scottdale. Funeral services from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the Scottdale cemetery. "Bob" Jones, as he was known to his many friends, was one of the best known men in Westmoreland county. He was born at Jones Mill, March 22, 1856, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jones. About the time Jeannette was founded he moved there. He was elected justice of the peace of that borough and served one term. In 1898 he formed a partnership with N. C. Griffith, under the firm name of Jones & Griffith, and engaged in the job printing business in Jeannette. The firm continued to do business until May 1, 1914, when the Jeannette Publishing company was organized with Mr. Jones as president. The corporation took over the job plant and started to publish the Jeannette News.

In politics Mr. Jones was a Republican. In 18?? he was nominated and elected to the office of Clerk of Courts of Westmoreland county, on that ticket. He served two three year terms. Before taking the office of clerk of courts he served as assistant postmaster at Jeannette. Until his illness which dated back to last spring, Mr. Jones made his home at Jeannette. Lately he had made his home with his sister, Mrs. Bambrick. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church of Scottdale. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Philanthropy Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M. Greensburg, of Syria Temple Shriners, and of the B. P. O. E. of Jeannette. The following brothers and sisters survive. Mrs. Harriet Bambrick, Miss Laura M. Jones, Miss Katherine Jones, Mrs. F. E. Weddle of Scottdale, Mrs. H. H. Jennewine of Wilkinsburg; William J. Jones of Pittsburg and Walter J. Jones of Scottdale.

ABRAHAM S. LEVY.

Abraham S. Levy, 85 years old, a resident of Ursina for many years, died last evening at his home. Mr. Levy was born at Davidsville, Somerset county. Fifty years ago he moved from Johnstown to Ursina, where he had since resided. For a number of years he conducted a saddler shop. To his wide circle of friends, Mr. Levy was better known as Squire Levy, having served in the capacity of justice until his resignation was tendered on account of his advanced years. Deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Fleming Levy, six sons: J. D. Levy of Somerset; John Levy of Boyer, W. V.; Edward Levy of Berlin; P. W. Levy, J. D. Levy and R. E. Levy of Ursina and three daughters, Misses Anna, Lilly and Pearl Levy at home. Two sisters, Misses Charlotte and Louise Levy of Johnstown and five grandchildren also survive.

MRS. ANNA BAMBRY.

Mrs. Anna Bambry, wife of Jean Bambry of Everson, died at the Uniontown hospital Wednesday morning. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagan of Uniontown. The body was taken to the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bambry. Funeral Friday morning at 9 o'clock with services in St. John's church. Deceased, who was 32 years old, leaves six children, four boys and two girls.

THOMAS J. INKS.

The funeral of Thomas J. Inks, for 20 years a resident of Ohiopyle, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of a brother, Charles Inks in McKeesport. Rev. O. G. Cook, pastor of the Beulah park Methodist Episcopal church, officiated. Interment in Richland cemetery.

JOHN A. SHAW

Largely attended was the funeral of John A. Shaw, held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Portestant church. Rev. J. H. Lambertson, the pastor, officiated. Arthur Shaw, Guy Shaw, William Shaw and Elmer Shaw served as pallbearers. Interment in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

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This will be a white Christmas if pretty handkerchiefs have anything to do with it. For months they have been tumbling into the stock room—hundreds and thousands of them. Pussy Willlow Handkerchiefs, 25c to 50c each. Plain and fancy Linen Handkerchiefs, 50c to $2 a box of three. Fancy Initial Hankderchiefs, 35c a box of three. Ladies' plain Linen Handkerchiefs, 15c to 75c each, Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c to 50c each.

Umbrellas

Christmas Umbrellas, opening the holiday season with a most complete stock of Umbrellas. A wonderful assortment of standard styles and unusual novelties in handles. Prices $1.25 to $8.50.

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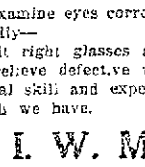
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Hundreds of People Apply for Every Pound That Is Available: W. C. T. U. Decides to Adopt Second French War Orphan, a Girl This Time.

Special to The Courier.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 6.—Mrs. John Hill entertained at her Alverton home on Tuesday evening for her brother, Ernest Hafer, who has joined the Army Medical corps and will leave at an early date for Columbus barracks. The house was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue. Among those present were: Mrs. Charles Cunningham, Miss Dodson, Daisy Parry, Martha and Elizabeth Werkman, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill of Alverton; Arnold and Freda Swartz, John and William Christner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hafer and daughter, Eloise, of Scottdale.

Sugar Gone Again.

Yesterday at some of the stores there were still a few pounds of sugar. At one of the stores an order of groceries had to be given and at another only two pounds were sold to a customer but early in the afternoon the supply gave out. One grocer stated that he knew if one person had been in the store to ask for sugar yesterday there were at least 500.

Adopt Second War Orphan.

Mrs. Samuel McGeogan entertained the ladies of the W. C. T. U. at her Walnut street home on Tuesday evening. These ladies some time ago adopted a French war orphan and had such wonderful success in raising the money it takes to keep the child for a year that they have decided to adopt another. It costs 10 cents a day to adopt a French war orphan and for this amount photographs are sent and the organization adopts the child in wishes. The last child adopted was a boy and it will likely be a girl that the ladies will adopt this time. One hundred and twenty dollars was cleared at the rummage sale conducted by the ladies in the Taylor store room on Broadway. Following the business session, work was begun on 18 comfort kits for the soldiers. After the sewing, refreshments were served.

Wanted.

Two or three rooms, either furnished or unfurnished, for light housekeeping. No children. Address "Room," care Courier.—Adv.—6-3t.

Missionary Meeting.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church held a meeting in the church yesterday. Following the business session, Mrs. G. W. Terbush conducted the lesson study.

Mrs. Murray Hostess.

Mrs. I. H. Murray entertained at 500 at her Everson Avenue home last evening. Four tables were run during the evening.

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Red Cross Ingathering.

Unit Number 17 of the local Red Cross Auxiliary had an ingathering of knitted articles as follows: Mrs. Walter D. Stoner, two sweaters; Viola Daughtery, one sweater; Mrs. George Wise, one scarf; Bertha Love, one scarf; Elizabeth Love, one pair socks; Mrs. Anna Lowe, one pair socks; Mrs. W. J. Muir, two helmets; Marion Bell, one scarf; Francis Bell, one scarf; Naomi Trout, one scarf. These ladies will not sew any more at the church until after the holidays but those wishing to take work home with them may do so.

Directors to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at 8 o'clock on Friday night.

Wanted.

Wanted—Roomers and boarders, 108 Hickory street.—Adv.—5-4t.

Notes.

Women of the Episcopal church will have a sale of fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts, at S. B. Reed's store all day Saturday, December 8.—Adv.—6-2t.

Miss Aletha Coughenour has accepted a position as stenographer for the Stuyvestant Lumber company.

Wilfred McKeon spent Thursday in Pittsburg.

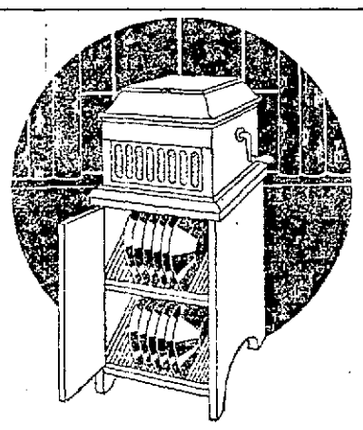
CHRISTMAS

Will Be Celebrated Here Pretty Much As Usual.

Notwithstanding the great war, Connellsville stores are gay with an unusually attractive display of gift articles and the rush of Christmas shopping has begun. In this connection, don't forget when you are buying toys and sugar plums to stop in the old reliable First National and start savings accounts for the children—always a wise gift and, just now, saving a patriotic duty. Even the kiddies can do their "bit."

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82 Selections in the New December

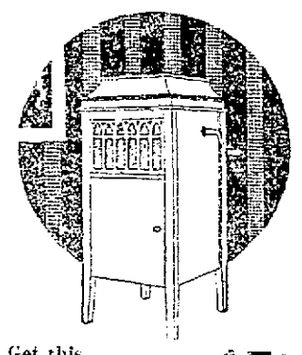
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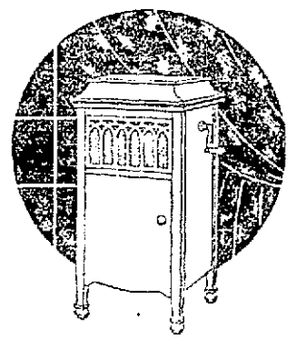
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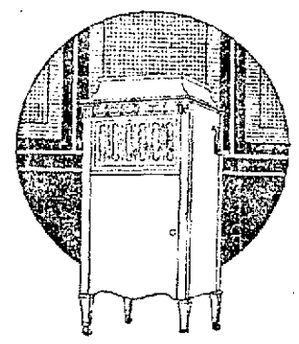
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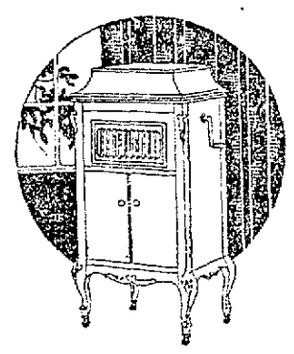
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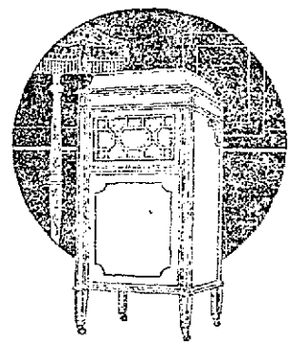
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Confluence.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tissue were visitors in Friendsville, Md., yesterday.

T. G. Beggs was in Connellsville yesterday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hall of Pittsburg, are visiting Mr. Hall's father, I. L. Hall of the West Side.

Mrs. C. M. Sanner left yesterday for a visit with friends at Connellsville.

H. T. Flanigan of Flanigan Station, was a business caller here yesterday.

L. S. Lincoln of Uniontown, was a business caller here yesterday.

Mrs. I. H. Walker of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tissue.

John and William Rush were among the business visitors to Somerset yesterday.

Calvin Livengood of near Listonburg, was in town yesterday transacting business.

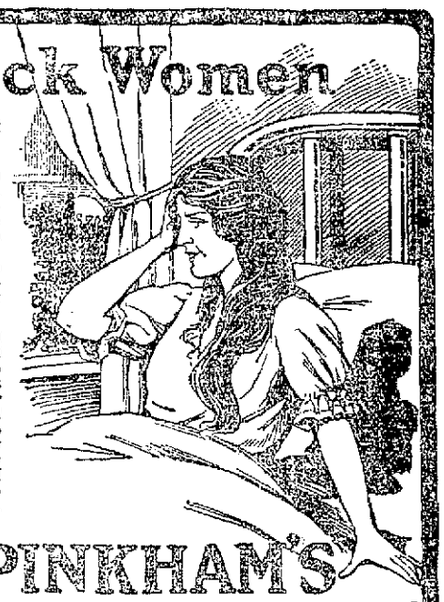
Mrs. Blanche Fitzpatrick of Baltimore, Md., who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanner for a few days, has gone to Connellsville to visit friends.

New B. & O. Appointments.

A. W. Thompson, vice president in charge of traffic and commercial development, Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has announced the following appointments, effective December 1: O. P. McCarthy, passenger traffic manager, to be general passenger representative; W. B. Calloway, general agent of the lines East, to succeed Mr. McCarty; W. H. Lowes, assistant general passenger agent, to be general passenger agent.

Notice to Sick Women

The Experience of These Women Prove That There is a Remedy for Your Illness.



Aberdeen, Idaho.—"Last year I suffered from a weakness with pains in my side and back. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I did so. After taking one bottle I felt very much better. I have now taken three bottles and feel like a different woman. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best medicine I have ever taken and I can recommend it to all suffering women."—Mrs. PERCY PRESTIDGE, Aberdeen, Idaho.

Kingfisher, Okla.—"For two years I suffered with a severe female trouble, was nervous, and had backache and a pain in my side most of the time. I had dizzy spells and was often so faint I could not walk across the floor. The doctor said I would have to have an operation. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking ten bottles I am now well and strong, have no pain, backache or dizzy spells. Every one tells me how well I look and I tell them Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did it."—Miss NINA SOUTHWICK, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 33, Kingfisher, Okla.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

has restored more sick women to health than any other remedy.

At Your Druggist's

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CIVILIAN FORCE IN U. S. EMPLOY IS RAPIDLY GROWING

Small Army of Clerks and Officials Increases as War Plans Proceed.

ORDNANCE CORPS LARGE

Seven Large Privately Owned Offices Required to House This Department Alone; Gun Division Alone Has 2,000 Employes On Its Payroll.

Special to The Courier.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Before the war began the United States government employed approximately 500,000 persons in the civil branch. Now that this country is actually engaged in the conflict, the great army of workers behind the fighting forces is growing by tens of thousands.

A good example of this rapid addition of employes is in the civilian force of the ordnance department of the Army. Seven large privately owned office buildings in Washington are required to house the officials and clerks of this force, in addition to the usual quarters in the State, War, and Navy building, which were sufficient before Uncle Sam began to prepare for war. The gun division alone, which did not exist as a separate division before the war, now has more than 2,000 civilian employees besides about 300 commissioned officers, and it is estimated that this division will be three times its present size within a year. The great manufacturing plants of the Ordnance Department in various parts of the country employed about 16,000 men last spring. Now 20,000 are at work in these establishments.

The task of supplying these thousands of workers in the face of the greatest demand for labor the country has ever known is the problem of the United States Civil Service commission. At this time great numbers of men and women are needed to fill stenographic and other positions in the offices at Washington and mechanical trades and technical positions in the government plants for manufacturing artillery and ammunition.

The local boards of civil service examiners at the post offices in all cities are furnishing detailed information concerning positions in which men and women are needed.

WOMANS' CASE STARTLES CONNELLSVILLE

A business man's wife could not read or sew without sharp pain in her eyes. For years her eyes were red and weak. Finally she tried pure Lavopik eye wash. The result of one application astonished her. A small bottle Lavopik is guaranteed to benefit every case weak, strained or inflamed eyes. Quick way it acts startle with its quick results. Maximum eye help from. A. A. Clarke. Adv.

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KEEPING OUR PEOPLE TEMPERED.

In considering the question of Christmas buying this year a few persons are disposed to look upon the free spending of money as waste.

If spent foolishly, or for things that are injurious, or from which the spender derives no benefit, spending money freely at any time is a waste. But to withhold it from circulation at this time, under the mistaken conception that hoarding is the correct method of practising true war economy, is positively harmful. Trade, industry and production are maintained only by money that is kept in circulation. When money is locked up industries and production stop; wages cease and trade languishes for lack of its very life's blood. When such conditions prevail in a community it is but a question of short time until the effect is extended to other communities and in turn extended from them in ever widening circles. The eventual result is widespread trade depression.

With every energy of our nation directed toward making ready to fight and to whip Germany, there must be no waste of a single force or thing that will contribute to that end. Stopping the normal course of business will result in waste, vastly greater waste than to maintain it at the seasonal volume through keeping up so characteristically an American habit as Christmas gift-buying.

To require, or even to urge, people to forego this annual custom, because to indulge it at this time would be looked upon as an unpatriotic waste of money, would have a depressing effect. Few things are more important at this time than to preserve that spirit and state of mind among our people which will keep them fit for their daily tasks in the great undertaking our nation has entered upon. Whatever serves to prevent them following their customary course contentedly, or in doing their best or their most, is directly productive of waste—a waste of effort or energy, which is as much to be deplored as an actual waste of money or material. When a waste of this kind occurs it simply means that the capacity of the American citizens to do the extraordinary things required of them under the stress of our war preparation, will be lessened. That is a condition which every consideration demands should be avoided. It can be more certainly avoided by permitting our people to follow their ordinary pursuits and customs with as little deviation from normal as possible.

Holding fast to old-fashioned Christmas customs, with due regard, of course, to the fact that our nation is at war, will be a most excellent means of keeping our people tempered to meet with their best courage the sterner phases of the war that may lie ahead of us.

CONNELLSVILLE'S CHRISTMAS HEART.

Connellsville is wearing its heart in its pocket book these days, as the ready response of our people to calls for money so creditably attest. No more complete or recent proof of this is at hand than the over-subscription of the fund to provide Christmas remembrances for the boys of Company D and the Hospital Corps. Persons approached were reported as "only too glad to lend their assistance in making the soldier boys as happy as possible on Christmas."

The total amount of the donations was very much larger than was expected. Inasmuch as the fund had been provided for the express purpose of sending Christmas tokens to the boys of Company D and the Hospital Corps, it was wisely decided to increase the size of the boxes, rather than to divert any portion of the fund to providing for boys in other organizations. In order that every soldier, whether in the Regular Army, National Guard or National Army, may be made to feel a Christmas hometouch, the Red Cross has undertaken a campaign to raise $500 for the purchase of soldier's kits.

The movement has lagged somewhat, due perhaps to the more active interest in the campaign in behalf of Company D and the Hospital Corps, and only a very small part of the money has been raised. The fine spirit shown by our people in answer to all calls designed to give expression of our interest in and regard for the boys "with the colors," through whatever channel they may have taken service under Uncle Sam, will not allow us to make our Christmas offerings incomplete by failing to provide the means needed by the Red Cross to perform its gracious office of Santa Claus.

Don't wait to be visited by a Red Cross solicitor for this fund. Hand or send your contribution to J. Fred Kurtz, chairman, or any other officer of the local chapter that it may serve the happy purpose of making the heart of some Fayette county soldier boy glad, as well as your own.

WHAT OF THE 24-HOUR MEN?

If, as the announcement implies, the government will drop the bars of censorship so completely that the Four-Minute Men will be able "to keep the public advised as to what is going on in Washington and France; to disseminate authentic information and kill false rumors so persistently spread by deluded pacifists and German propagandists, and to advise the people of the needs of the government; give news from the boys in the trenches and tell what must be done by those at home to push the war to a successful conclusion," what recognition is to be given the 24-Hour Men in the newspaper offices of the country who have been right on the job from the start?

With a patriotism which suffers not the slightest in comparison with that of any other class of men, the newspaper workers have begged to have placed at their disposal the facts which would have enabled them to do all, and even more, than it is possible for 15,000 times 15,000 Four-Minute Men to do, and that implies no disparagement of the ability, patriotism or other qualities of these fine spirited volunteers. It merely means that if the most efficient results are to be expected from the work of the Four-Minute Men the government can do no less than render available to the press of the country the same information it is to supply these speakers as material for their addresses. If this is done the importance of the speaking campaign can be emphasized; the work of the speakers and the press co-ordinated; greater interest aroused in the subjects discussed and the larger purposes of the new form of publicity more completely realized.

WHY VICTORY WILL BE COMPLETE.

The traditions of the American soldier and sailor; their readiness to make the supreme sacrifice for their country, and their unselfish willingness to take the place of a comrade when the death of one or the other is certain to follow, will be illustrated over and over again as the war progresses. Already there has been furnished a conspicuous example of this spirit by Osmond Kelly Ingram, a gunner's mate in the Navy, who deliberately sacrificed his own life in order to reduce the risk of his messmates during an attack by German submarines upon the American torpedo destroyer Cassin.

A report of the incident forwarded by Admiral Sims, in command of our naval forces in European waters, states that "Ingram, standing aft on the destroyer where some high explosive depth charges were stored, saw the torpedo coming. Instead of rushing forward to save his own life, by getting away from the explosion, Ingram stuck to the spot, throwing overboard the high explosives, which he knew would further endanger the lives of his fellows if they were detonated by the explosion of the torpedo. He was the only man lost, being blown overboard by the explosion."

With a fighting force inspired by so heroic a devotion to duty, will there be any, even among the most obsessed Kaiserites, to doubt the completeness of our final victory?

Ruling that the Red Cross seal on the addressed side of a letter does not make it unmailable, between December 1 and January 1, is really a more brilliant achievement than the public has been accustomed to credit to Postmaster General Burleson.

The Bolsheviki proclamations and pronunciamentos have lost all interest for Kaiser Bill since the receipt of an *unexpurgated copy of Tuesday's message.*

If any private individual had given currency to the same statements Secretaries Daniels and Baker have issued which tended to discourage women from knitting sweaters and other garments for the Army and Navy, they would have been branded as near-traitors. But then Daniels and Baker are only near-secretaries, which may account for their immunity.

Italy is of course doing its best to derive sustenance in the hour of its greatest need out of the "political sandwich" the Washington administration sent over in the form of our plenipotentiaries to the Allied "war conference."

Thanksgiving was a great day for most of the boys at the camps, and none of them seem to have weakened.

Some of the former school teachers are being wooed, and won again; not from single blessedness to matrimony, as before, but to the double blessings of the county superintendent and school boards who are in greater need of teachers than brides.

"If you can get hold of a good sweater, send it. I get pretty cold here at nights," is the call of but one soldier-boy in France to the knitters of Connellsville. There are thousands like him, and winter has not yet begun. *Have you begun another sweater?*

Speaking of our unpreparedness, has due account been taken of the fact that Pennsylvania has had an army of 300,000 armed men in service during the hunting season now drawing to a close?

With General-in-Chief Duggan and his skilled staff in charge of the Red Cross membership drive, a corps of adding machine experts will no doubt be needed to keep the score.

Making surgical bandages is not the usual form of Christmas sewing, but this is not an usual Christmas; neither are the bandage makers all usual sewers.

What need of a salary has a minister, who is a miner, in these days of princely earnings by underground workers?

Those New York farmers who were holding their potatoes for $10 a barrel *are now holding their breath without a* fixed price, since they have learned that Uncle Sam has a very effective way of marketing their product without trouble to them.

Provost Marshal General Crowder decided some time ago that draftees could not enlist after their number had been called. Now he graciously permits them to be "inducted into the military service at their own request." That should remove all objections of the most sensitive patriot to being "conscripted."

The police do not always know what, or who, they will find until they go after something, or somebody.

Helping the Salvation Army is another of the proper ways of saving your Christmas savings by spending them.

Need of Sinking Party Considerations.

Philadelphia Ledger.

The government is still solely and completely representative of a single party. Thus far no serious consequences have resulted from a policy which in this respect at least has been characterized by a somewhat narrow vision, a failure to realize the full value of a complete sinking of party considerations in the face of a great external danger. It is sincerely to be hoped that nothing will occur to disturb the present spirit of co-operation without representation in the execution of war policies which has characterized the course of the Republicans since the outbreak of the war, but the anomaly of the situation is bound to be accentuated when the country comes to face the problem of electing the new Congress in 1918. The Administration is under a terrible responsibility, and it is for it to consider whether its hands would not be strengthened and the national interests furthered by some extension of the principle of bipartisanship in the ranks of the executive.

Puzzled!

Denver Rocky Mountain News.

"Forward with God!" cries the kaiser in his message of congratulations to the young Emperor Karl. But we can not help wondering why the kaiser's god should move forward in Italy and backward in France and Flanders.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason.

THE BENEFACTOR.

This country's treated me so well that I abide in Easy street; I have a house in which to dwell, and nineteen kinds of grub to eat. I have three suits of clothes to wear, a motor car that goes chug, chug, and I have bear's grease for my hair and good hard cider in a jug. Whate'er I have my Uncle Sam has given me the chance to gain; protected by his arm I am, so long as I am safe and sane. Secure and safe I've gone my way, because my Uncle was my shield; I've piled up plunder day by day, and had the best this life can yield. And now my Uncle's in a scrap that will require his utmost vim, that will exhaust his nerve and sap—and think you I'll go back on him? Shall I conceal my healthy wad, when Uncle Sam would pass the hat, or shed the roubles all abroad, and let the fogey wise to that? I'm handing Uncle Sam his own, when I dig from their secret lair the buck, the guilder and the bone, to help his fighters over there. So bring along your Red Cross hat, your bonnet of Y. M. C. A., and I'll strip off some williams fat, and chip them in, the good old way.

Just Folks

Edgar A. Guest.

THE BABY PASSES.

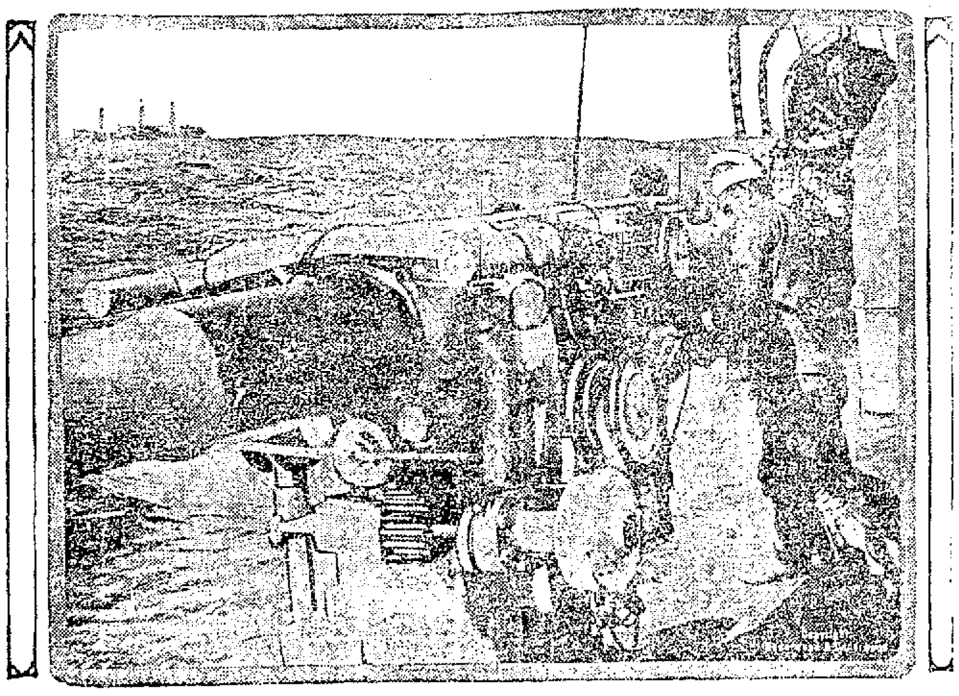
He's got 'em at last, she has answered his pleading,
And something of sorrow was mixed with the joy
And she sobbed as she called me from what I was reading
To take my first look at our regular boy.
There was joy in his eyes, there was pride in his bearing
But the cause of her sadness I knew at a glance
For there stood our baby of yesterday, wearing
His first little pair of brown corduroy pants.

He stood before me, as straight as a rocket;
The white suit discarded still lay on the floor;
And I chuckled to notice a hand in each pocket.
There were hip pockets, too, that I had to explore.
But I sighed with a mother a moment in counting
The price we had paid for Time's ruthless advance,
A babe never more to my knee would be mounting.
We now have a boy dressed in *corduroy pants.*

His little white suits now must go in the attic
To lie with the treasures of earlier years;
Time issues his orders in manner emphatic,
And heeds not our sighs or our prayers or our tears.
He takes and he gives, and it's not of our choosing,
One joy with another he quickly supplants;
And so though we sigh for the baby we're losing,
We are proud of our boy in his corduroy pants.

Classified Advertisements
When used in The Daily Courier always bring results. Try them.

ON AN AMERICAN DESTROYER READY FOR THE GERMAN SUBMARINES IN THE EAST ATLANTIC



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One Cent a Word.

No advertisements for Less Than 15 Cents.
Classified columns close at noon. Advertisements of wants, sales, etc., received after that hour will not appear until the day following.

Wanted.

WANTED—YOUR BARBERING BUSINESS. RENDINE'S.

WANTED—ROOMERS AND BOARDERS at 117 West Fayette St. 6dec-1td

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework, 117 West Fayette street. 5dec-1td

WANTED—GIRLS OVER 16 YEARS. CONNELLSVILLE SILK MILL. 3dec6td

WANTED—GIRLS FOR GENERAL house work. Inquire [illegible] West Peach street. [illegible]

WANTED—TO RENT A 5 OR 6 room house. Address "J. J. D." care Courier. 15oct-tfd

WANTED—EXPERIENCED SALESLADY at once. PEOPLES DEPT. STORE, [illegible] S. Pittsburg St. 5dec6td

WANTED—LABORERS $3.25 FOR 9 hours. NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CO., Dickerson Run Bridge. 3dec6td

WANTED—DISHWASHER AT ONCE; also chambermaid, at [illegible] RESTAURANT. [illegible]

WANTED—EXPERIENCED CHAMBERMAID. Apply [illegible] HOUSE. 6dec-[illegible]

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL house work. Apply 123 South [illegible] street, Greenwood. 15nov-tfd

WANTED—TWO EXPERIENCED clerks, one lady and one gentleman. J. M. YOUNG, Colonial Bldg. 5dec[illegible]

WANTED—DISHWASHER AT TRANS-ALLEGHENY HOTEL, Water street. 6dec-1td

WANTED—YOUNG MAN TO CLERK in clothing and men's furnishing store. Address "CLOTHING," care Courier. 6dec3td

WANTED—WOMAN TO CLEAN house three or four days next week. Call at COLLINS' DRUG STORE. 6dec1td

WANTED—HOT AIR FURNACE FOR large house. Must be in good condition. Room 205 Second National Bank Bldg. 5dec2td

WANTED—FIRST CLASS MACHINISTS and moulders, at once. MACHINE FOUNDRY & SUPPLY COMPANY, Scottdale, Pa. 1dec6td

WANTED—OLD FALSE TEETH. Don't matter if broken. I pay $2.00 to $15.00 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. [illegible] MAZER, 2007 S. Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 1dec15td*

WANTED—LADIES—FASCINATING home business: tinting postcards, pictures, etc., spare time for profit. $[illegible] on 100; no canvassing; samples 10c (stamps). Particulars free. ARTINT 42 D 91 Meserole street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 6dec1td*

For Rent.

FOR RENT—SIX ROOM HOUSE AT 235 East Fairview. Inquire of J. C. LYTLE, 232 East Fairview. 6dec1t

FOR RENT—THREE NICELY FURNISHED rooms for light housekeeping. 1217 Sycamore street. 6dec1td

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM for gentleman. Central location; conveniences; 21[illegible] Market St. 23nov-tfd

FOR RENT—5 ROOM HOUSE AT 23[illegible] East Fairview avenue. Inquire of J. C. LYTLE, 232 East Fairview. 4dec-3t-eod

FOR RENT—FOUR ROOMS FURNISHED with bath. No children. W. R. Barnes, 117 East Crawford. 6dec-1td

FOR RENT—SIX ROOM HOUSE IN [illegible] [illegible]

FOR RENT—FOUR ROOM HOUSE TOM DAVIDSON, Tri-State 898. 6dec-tf

FOR RENT—TWO UNFURNISHED rooms. Inquire 1119 W. Crawford avenue. 6dec2td*

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS for light housekeeping; 309 East Crawford. 4dec-1td

For Sale.

FOR SALE [illegible]

FOR SALE [illegible]

FOR SALE [illegible] Address "N. Y." care Courier. [illegible]

FOR SALE—ONE CARLOAD NICE white potatoes, $1.[illegible] per bushel, delivered in city. Inquire [illegible] Arlington Hotel or phone [illegible] Bell 974. [illegible]

FOR SALE—FOUR ROOM HOUSE South Arch street. [illegible] Second National Bank Bldg. 6dec3td

Notice to Landlords.

A. E. WARNER & CO. MAKES A specialty of collecting rents. [illegible] 225-N [illegible], W. Crawford avenue. 17nov-eod

R U Superstitious

Do You Believe In Signs ?

If you do you are a judicious advertiser and a good business man. Judicious advertising Always Pays and especially when you advertise in a paper that is read by everybody in its territory.

This newspaper reaches the eye of everybody who might be a possible buyer in this section.

Buy Your Christmas Footwear Early

If you intend to buy SHOES OR SLIPPERS for Christmas we would advise you, for several reasons, to buy now.

Our stock is a full and complete one, with abundant styles in men's women's, boys', girls' and children's Shoes and Slippers.

First quality Rubbers, Arctics and Boots.

You'll find what you want here, at reasonable prices.

HOOPER & LONG'S

Eat Plenty
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But Without Waste

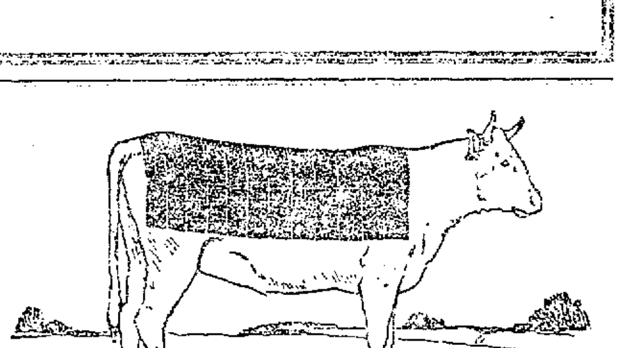
The supplies in the World's larder for the next twelve months are now known. They are too short to supply our Allies unless every man, woman, and child enters National Service to support the Food Administration. Food will decide the war.

Save the Wheat
Save the Meat
Save the Fats
Save the Milk
Save the Sugar
Save the Fuel
For
YOUR SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT NEED THEM ALL.

Union Supply Co.

63 Large Department Stores.

Located in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.



Where Allen's Sole Strips Come From

Nature puts the toughest and most durable covering on the back of the steer. It's from this part of the hide that Allen's Sole Strips are cut. That's why Allen's Sole Leather wears longest and is practically waterproof.

These picked hides from range fed steers are tanned by the special time tried Allen process. Allen's Sole Strips made from these hides are carefully sorted and inspected before they leave the tanneries. The result—you can't get better sole leather than Allen's.

Over ten million shoes resoled last year with Allen's.

It's easy to know you are getting Allen's. Look for the name Allen's Sole Strips embossed on each piece. Ask your shoe repair man to use Allen's when he resoles your shoes. It wears best and longest.

N. R. Allen's Sons Company
Kenosha, Wisconsin

ALLEN'S SOLE STRIPS

HOT CHOCOLATES

When you're down town these chilly nights, just drop in and order one of our delicious hot chocolates, with whipped cream. Nothing like them to warm you up. And they're only 10 cents.

Reick's Ice Cream with Our Delicious Syrups Makes Wonderfully Good Sundaes.

Collins' Drug Store,
South Pittsburg Street,
THE SAME GOOD SERVICE AS HERETOFORE.

PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER.

WEAR Horner's Clothing

J. B. KURTZ,
NOTARY PUBLIC
AND REAL ESTATE
No. 6 South Meadow Lane
Connellsville Pa.

WARNING AGAINST CHILDREN ASKING RED CROSS MONEY

Mt. Pleasant Chapter Says It Has Authorized None to Solicit Funds.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS MEET MONDAY

District No. 8 Will Convene in Grand Opera House and Elect Officers for the Year, County Superintendent L. C. Shaw on Program For a Talk

Special to The Courier

MOUNT PLEASANT Dec 6—For the past several days children have been canvassing Church street and College avenue for money for Red Cross work in the school. They can not be located in the public schools here and evidently are not students. The Red Cross chapter has asked no school to solicit money for it and warns people against giving money to persons or organizations unless they are authorized by the Red Cross chapter or some unit to collect. This canvassing of the streets is not only a nuisance to the people but it makes it hard for [illegible] to ask for money and have people know that it is legitimate. In [illegible] children to [illegible] approval of the public steps will be taken by the proper authorities to compel them to [illegible].

To Attend Luncheon.

Mrs [illegible] Mrs [illegible] Bryce and Miss Irene [illegible] will represent Mount Pleasant at a luncheon given by [illegible] husband at the King Edward apartments in Pittsburg today for Miss [illegible] Braddock whose marriage to Fred King will be an event of December 12.

Sunday School meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Eighth District Sunday [illegible] the Grand Opera house on Monday afternoon. A large attendance is expected as this is the [illegible] and the election of officers will take place. An address is to be [illegible] Robert C Shaw county superintendent of schools of [illegible].

Notes.

Daniel Hool [illegible] of Company E Tenth regiment [illegible] Hancock Augusta Geo [illegible] Mr and Mrs [illegible] Washington [illegible].

Mrs S W [illegible] and son Frank [illegible] spent yesterday with friends here.

Meyersdale.

MEYERSDALE Dec [illegible] Mr and Mrs George F Hoblitz [illegible] have returned to their home in [illegible] after [illegible] with the former's parent Mr and Mrs W T Hoblitzel.

Miss M[illegible] of Clarksburg [illegible] visiting her friend [illegible] the line.

H M [illegible] has returned from a few days visit in Pittsburg.

Mrs Emma C[illegible] has returned to Cleveland O where she is employed.

Miss Orpha M[illegible] spending the week visiting friends in Pittsburg.

J C Barnhart has returned to Pittsburg [illegible] Md after a few days visit here with friends.

Mrs Louis [illegible] returned yesterday after a week's visit with her daughter Mrs C [illegible] Hammond in Cumberland.

Mrs James [illegible] Leckemby is visiting and shopping in Connellsville today.

Mrs W A Miller spent Wednesday visiting friends in Cumberland.

Miss Hazel Miller has returned from a few days visit with her brother Newton Miller and family in Pittsburg.

Ohiopyle.

OHIOPYLE Dec 6—The W C T U held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Elsie Show on Commercial street Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the year 1918 President Mrs Dale Johnson vice president Mildred Potter secretary Eliza Show treasurer Mrs Alice Holt. Topic discussed was How We Could [illegible] Our Union. The next meeting will be held January 1 at the home of Mrs George Hershberger.

Albert Rowan was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs George Hershberger spent Wednesday shopping and calling on Connellsville friends.

Noah Anderson of Connellsville was in town yesterday.

Miss Mabel Thorpe has accepted a position as clerk in Holt [illegible] store.

Mrs Lydia Stuck of Sugar Loaf was shopping in town yesterday.

Miss Nellie Provance of Connellsville is visiting with friends near here for a few days.

Mr and Mrs Jacob Burnworth were recent visitors in town.

Mrs Isaac Hall spent Wednesday shopping in town.

HAVE COLOR IN CHEEKS

Be Better Looking—Take Olive Tablets

If your skin is yellow—complexion pallid—tongue coated—appetite poor—you have a bad taste in your mouth—a lazy, no-good feeling—you should take Olive Tablets.

Dr Edwards' Olive Tablets—a substitute for calomel—were prepared by Dr Edwards after 17 years of study with his patients.

Dr Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. You will know them by their olive color.

To have a clear, pink skin, bright eyes, no pimples, a feeling of buoyancy like childhood days you must get at the cause.

Dr Edwards' Olive Tablets act on the liver and bowels like calomel—yet have no dangerous after effects.

They start the bile and overcome constipation. That's why millions of boxes are sold annually at 10c and 25c per box. All druggists. Take one or two nightly and note the pleasing results.

At the Theatres

THE PARAMOUNT

EASY MONEY —A five part World picture Brady made with Ethel Clayton the prominent and charming screen star in the leading role is being presented today. There are all sorts of unexpected turns and twists in this interesting picture that keeps the spectators on the tip-toes of expectancy. The story is of a young girl who is exceedingly ambitious to become a famous sculptress but whose ambitions are about to meet defeat because of her lack of money with which to pursue her studies. An offer of money comes to her in an unexpected way and her acceptance of this offer is the beginning of a most surprising series of occurrences. Miss Clayton has a role of force and dramatic power. In the role of Lois we see she shows to what lengths a good but over ambitious girl will go in furtherance of her ambitions. She knows what the effects of easy money are upon such a girl's character. Easy Money tells a big story in a thoroughly entertaining and interesting manner. A selected comedy is included. Tomorrow and Saturday Jack and the Beanstalk a Fox masterpiece starring the Fox kiddies will be presented. Virtually everybody knows the story which has been handed down from the early English people as a heritage to the present day. Jack and the Beanstalk which has delighted the hearts of the children all over the world.

THE ARCADE.

If you want to forget your troubles forget your [illegible] and [illegible] every day annoyance go over to the Arcade and see Drury Lane in Mrs [illegible] Husbands. Was you'll just laugh until your sides ache. Hundreds of others many of whom have [illegible] smile to a year last night fairly [illegible] with laughter and are today still laughing about the fun. Of course [illegible] has his [illegible] to help him [illegible] of what would be a star if not in support of a comedian [illegible].

[illegible] feet from the ground and the villain [illegible] to fail. Are [illegible] scene just as they [illegible]. Both [illegible] repeated this afternoon and evening. And here is some good news for the young ladies. Next week's show Hauk's Sunshine Girls is featuring the Big Sister three Connellsville girls who have made good in musical comedy.

THE SOISSON

The patrons of the Soisson theatre will be pleased to know that Thursday Friday and Saturday will be the last [illegible] and tabloid for this season and that once more the lover of drama will see good plays by the best authors and competent actors. The management of the Soisson has been induced by a number of patrons to bring this class of entertainments to Connellsville. And always willing to give the public what they wish for has finally succeeded in obtaining one of the best stock companies on the road today. These plays will be changed three times a week. There will also be specialties introduced between the acts so there will not be any long waits which are so tiresome. The management hopes to have the support of the Connellsville show going public in this undertaking. Thursday Friday and Saturday there will be an entire new company of vaudeville artists the last to be seen at the Soisson for some time. This company comes to Connellsville highly recommended. Saturday there will be a special matinee for ladies and children.

ORPHEUM THEATRE

THE SEA MASTER —William Russell is seen in the role of Bull Dorgan. Dorgan's rough and ready methods of courtship are not of the sort to be generally commended but after he has banghaied the girl of his heart and carried her away to sea aboard his schooner the better side of the man's character asserts itself and in the end Lastly Gordon (Francelia Billington) loves him for his sterling qualities. Friday and Saturday a novelty that is unique in its interest is the Paramount photoplay Bab's Diary from the famous story by Mary Roberts Rinehart which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. Winsome Marguerite Clark is featured as Bab.

PRICES OF ANTHRACITE

Raised 35 Cents Per Ton By Order of President Wilson

Anthracite coal prices at the mine have been increased 35 cents a ton to absorb an advance in miners' wages of 25 to 50 per cent by order of President Wilson.

The increases to anthracite operators and miners both effective immediately were recommended by Fuel Administrator Garfield after consideration of the joint wage agreement reached here November 17. In a letter to President Wilson Garfield declared the wage advance was necessitated by labor and living conditions and as a spur to production just as in the case of the bituminous miners whose wages were increased recently.

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Wm R Kerr



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[illegible]

Workers and Money Needed For Salvation Army Huts at Front

[illegible] The Salvation Army huts [illegible] things [illegible] [illegible] as you and your [illegible] The Salvation Army girls are doing [illegible]

COURT NEWS

Special to The Courier

UNIONTOWN Dec 6—Much difficulty was experienced this morning in getting cases ready for trial at the civil court session. Several suits scheduled to be heard today were continued. Among them were two cases brought by John T Robinson one against F M Semans Jr and the other against J M Hustead. Also the case of Martha B Barnes against A I Conn et al which is a framed issue to determine the ownership of goods alleged to belong to the plaintiff. This was continued on account of the illness of James R Cray counsel for the plaintiff.

At the opening of court Wednesday morning the grand jury made return of the cases which had been presented to them on Tuesday. In the prosecution against John Sporsnok a North Union township foreigner the county will pay the costs. John was charged with nuisance it being alleged by Mike Chubay that he had made ugly threats against his life and moreover had blocked the public road this leading to the charge which was ignored by the grand jury. Another case ignored was that wherein William Patterson was charged with larceny. This prosecution was brought by Ray Snell who alleged that the defendant had appropriated an $8 pair of pants to his own use the alleged crime having been committed at Brownsville on August 30. The prosecutor will foot the bill of costs.

True bills were returned as follows William Rogers and Ed Fisher larceny and receiving stolen goods James Lavender larceny prosecuted by George F Titlow. Mike David assault and battery. Telmina Kats [illegible] A J Gump prosecuted by Philip Oslander on charge [illegible] by clerk [illegible] New Roy Henderson and [illegible] larceny [illegible] Guy Dorsey being an absconding witness.

PIMPLES

Why so many young men and especially otherwise beautiful women allow their faces to be disfigured with unsightly pimples is beyond me says Peterson.

Every druggist in America who cares to speak freely will tell you that one 25c box of Peterson's Ointment is guaranteed to banish every pimple or other skin eruption or money back—and it won't take more than 10 days to do it.

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Smithfield.

SMITHFIELD Dec 6—The school board met Monday night. After swearing in C H Ewing the newly elected member they proceeded to organize. [illegible] Dan Field [illegible] president and Robt C Britt secretary. Ewing was elected [illegible] and succeeds Willy Abraham who he defeated at the election. This changes the political complexion of the board giving three Democrats and [illegible] Republicans. J D Field H C [illegible] C Britt L O Wise and C H Ewing are the present members. [illegible] me since the formation of the school [illegible] had a majority of [illegible] board.

A J Smith returned after several days visit with his son at Brightwood D C.

F G Jones is laid up at his home on Washington Way with nervous trouble.

Hannah [illegible] ng an aged lady at Woodbridgetown fell down a flight of stairs at her home [illegible] and sustained a broken shoulder blade.

Chas Mossburg left Wednesday evening for Youngstown O where he is employed by McClelland [illegible] contractors.

Garrett Fitzgerald was a Uniontown business visitor Tuesday.

Mrs J A Rankin and daughter Mrs A C Kiger from out R F D No 1 called on relatives in the borough Tuesday.

The Ladies of the Smithfield Red Cross society met at the M E church Wednesday afternoon as they do every Wednesday afternoon to sew and knit for our boys at the front.

Lloyd L Moser Supervising principal of the Georges Schools was a borough business visitor Wednesday.



It's plain to see—by the crowds of merry shoppers who throng daily to

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Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs in solid colors with dainty cord [illegible] to [illegible]

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Colored and Black Taffeta Silk with ivory tips and brass frames—very new—priced at $4.00 to $6.00

[illegible] Taffeta with long and short handles with swings at $1.50 to $5.00

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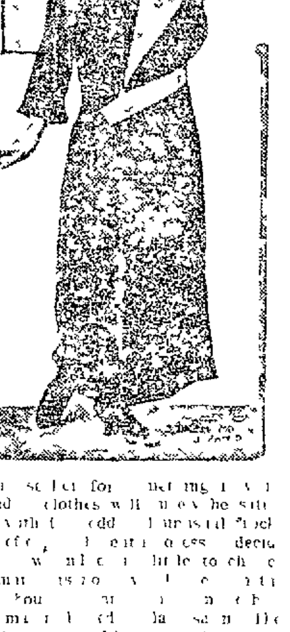
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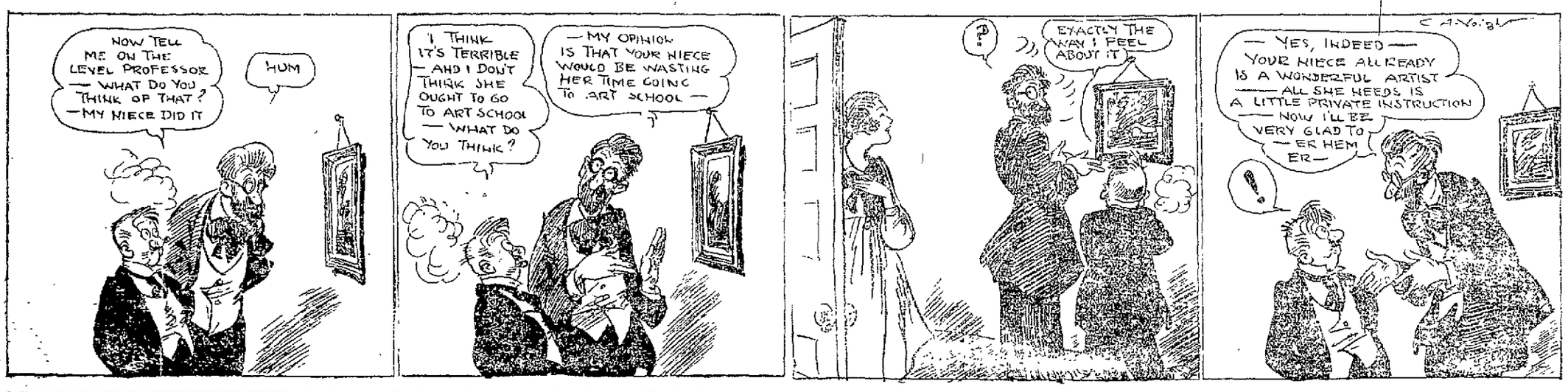
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PETEY DINK—A Look at the Niece Makes It Different

By C. A. VOIGHT



DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING COKE CAUSE MORE FURNACES TO BANK

The Transportation Situation Places a Curb on Pig Iron Offerings.

RELIEF IS ANTICIPATED

From Traffic Congestion As a Result of Formation of the Eastern Railroad Pool; Plan to Pool Coal in the Pittsburg District is Progressing.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 5.—Car supplies in the Connellsville coke region opened the week with 60 per cent. of ratings on Monday, a bad beginning when Monday is expected to be easily the best day of the week. Forecasts are that the supplies will not vary much from the averages of the past two weeks, which have been about 45 per cent.

While this week has seen no improvement in car supplies there has been an improvement in the receipt of coke at furnaces, as compared with the particularly light receipts the latter part of last week. The railroads undertook a general clean-up on Sunday, but directed their attention more to the movement of loaded cars that were stalled in yards and on sidings than to the movement of empty cars. Indeed so much coke was loaded that there were not many empty cars left.

The extreme difficulty in moving coke is best shown by the experience of the Carnegie Steel company, which opened this week with 41 of its 59 blast furnaces in blast, against 44 last Thursday and 48 at the beginning of last week. Several furnaces were expected to resume activity this week. Very few merchant furnaces have escaped banking for longer or shorter periods in the past fortnight, and there has been more idleness in the past few days than for many months.

The results of the transportation situation are seen in the pig iron market, where there are practically no offerings. Nearly all the large steel companies, which ordinarily produce all the pig iron they have occasion to consume, have been running shorter or shorter, and they would now buy several hundred thousand tons of pig iron, chiefly basic, if it were offered. The merchant furnaces, which were moderately free sellers last October have been offering scarcely any iron since early in November. No question of price is involved, as all offerings would be at the set prices and there is no prospect of any revision in prices either upwards or downwards in the near future.

Strong hopes are entertained that there will soon be relief in the traffic congestion, at any rate if untoward winter weather does not intervene. The General Operating Committee of seven railroad vice presidents, placed in charge of the conduct of the pool of the railroads east of Chicago, decided upon last Saturday week, has been strenuously at work. A week ago a set of half a dozen orders was promulgated, aimed chiefly at relieving traffic congestion in the Pittsburg district. These orders included an embargo on through freight east and west, as to passage through "the Pittsburg gateway," an embargo on all iron and steel shipments intended for export, as 1,325,000 tons of iron and steel is now at the seaboard awaiting vessels, the annulment of the Broadway Limited, the Pennsylvania's crack 20-hour train between Chicago and New York, the discontinuance of the so-called "fast freight" lines and one or two other measures. It is now left with the Pittsburg district to clean up its tracks and resume regular movement of freight. Having issued these initial orders the committee has addressed itself to an extended campaign of improving the traffic situation. The campaign already includes many very important measures.

The coke market continues quotable at the set prices, which as to beehive coke are as follows, per net ton at ovens:

Furnace	$6.00
72-hour selected foundry	$7.00
Crushed, over 1-inch	$7.50

Some further steps have been taken in the direction of preparing for a pooling of the coal output of the Pittsburg district. A committee has been appointed which is considering the grading of the product of the different seams and descriptions of coal mined in the general district. A separate activity is the listing of cross movements in coal, this being done in conjunction with railroad authorities, so as to make coal move the shortest distance from point of production to point of consumption. The committee at work in the Pittsburg district has already found 40 or 50 cases of cross movements, the elimination of which will reduce materially the amount of work to be done by the railroads. For example, Pittsburg district coal has been found going to points that can be served at least equally as well by the Fairmont district, while Fairmont coal in turn has been shipped past the Pittsburg district.

There is scarcely any coal being offered in the open market, but chiefly through the medium of priority orders the by-product coking plants are now fairly well supplied with coal and with scarcely an exception are operating at capacity this week.

Average monthly prices of spot coke have been as follows thus far this year:

	Furnace.	Foundry
January	$8 44	$10.93
February	10.67	12.10
March	9.55	11.90
April	8 00	10 12
May	8.40	9.90
June	11.20	11.70
July	12.32	13 42
August	13.12	14 25
September	11.85	13.36
October	6 00	7.00
November	6 00	7.00

Average monthly prices of pig iron have been as follows, at Valley furnaces:

	Bessemer.	Basic.	Fdry
January	$25.00	$30 00	$30.00
February	25 00	30 00	30.00
March	26 50	31 00	34 96
April	41.36	38.52	38.15
May	44 12	41 36	42.62
June	53 50	49.22	45 10
July	55 56	53 52	53.00
August	54 50	51 70	53.00
September	48 13	47 30	47 65
October	36 30	33.00	42.00
November	36 20	32 00	32.00

Maccabee Jrs. To Play.

The Junior Maccabee basketball team will go to Scottdale tomorrow night to meet the Pay-Mo-Me club of the Y. M. C. A. The Scottdale team formed Connellsville a big score last week.

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

A feeling of hopefulness that the worst has been reached in the conditions governing the distribution of coke still prevails, although there is little in the cold facts of the records to sustain it. The increase in shipments during the week ending November 24 was plain at the time, and still plainer now, more the result of clearing up the Monongahela railway than it was to general improvement in the situation. Shipments dropped back last week in an amount just about equal to the gain of the previous week, again bringing the region to one of the low points in the tide of the trade which this year has thus far recorded.

There is a strong undercurrent of belief that the operation of the Eastern railroad pool will shortly do much in the direction of solving some of the most acute coke trade problems. While the Priority Board is withholding, at the suggestion of the General Operating Committee, the issuance of the drastic priority order requested by the Fuel Administration, the railroads are themselves giving a certain preference to coke shipments and furnaces are receiving supplies rather more promptly.

Rail shipments last week dropped to 278,540 tons; river rose to 6,540 making the aggregate 285,780 tons, a loss of 7,228 as compared with the previous week.

Coke car supply for the present week as a whole is expected to be better than last week. The distribution Monday was about 65 per cent.

IRON AND STEEL ARE RESTRICTED

In Movement by the Transportation Situation; Better Conditions Are Confidently Expected Soon.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec 5.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

The transportation situation has not improved and the iron and steel industry is still laboring under a restriction of production not merely from capacity but from the curtailed rate of earlier months in the year. Furnace blankings have been common in the central west for three weeks and merchant pig iron is unobtainable. A few steel works are operating at only from one-half to two-thirds of capacity. Taking the country as a whole the rate of steel ingot production in the past fortnight has been under 40,000,000 tons a year, as compared with a capacity of nearly if not quite 50,000,000 tons.

The General Operating Committee, which is managing the pool of the railroad east of Chicago decided upon by the War Industries Board November 24, began issuing orders last Wednesday, the first orders issued being designed as "first aid to the injured," and looking particularly to a clearing of the congestion in the Pittsburg district, the committee now being at work upon a comprehensive campaign, to co-ordinate its activities with those of other bodies, produce more efficient operation of the physical facilities available, and to increase the supplies of both rolling stock and labor. The restoration of normal conditions in the Pittsburg district would undoubtedly result in greater production of coke, pig iron and steel. Definite results are not yet to be observed, but are confidently expected for the near future.

With almost stagnant markets in pig iron, unfinished steel and finished products, there is at least one place for every ton of every commodity that can be produced. There is almost universal reduction in the consumption of steel for commercial purposes, yet steel is very scarce. The war steel requirements have been steadily expanding.

Where trading is possible at all, though there being material available for sale, it is done with scarcely an exception at the set prices. Producers are making it a point to adhere with the greatest strictness to the regulations promulgated by the War Industries Board and the American Iron and Steel Institute.

MAY PLAY SCOTTDALE

Lady Maccabees' Team After Game With Fast Mill Town Five.

The Lady Maccabees are getting their basketball team in shape for the coming season, and are practicing regularly every Wednesday evening. The team is already showing good form, and last year's quintet will be reinforced by several new players this year, who are expected to greatly strengthen the lineup. The team is being coached by Ed. Wall of Scottdale.

The first game of the season in this city may be played by the Lady Maccabee team next week if arrangements can be made with a fast girls' team from Scottdale. The game will be played next Wednesday if the Scottdale team will accept the offer of the locals.

The only other girl's team that has been on the floor yet this year is one from the South Connellsville high school, which engages the Maccabee gym on Friday nights. This team has been organized for several weeks.

Prittstown.

PRITTSTOWN, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Nancy Pritts spent Sunday in Mount Pleasant with friends.

Grace Etling of Stauffer, was here several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Freed.

Eva Freed visited the family of her brother, Bert Freed of Perryville on Sunday.

Mrs. David Wright, daughter Pearl and son Wilmer attended a turkey dinner at the home of Mrs. Wright's sister, Sarah Boyer of Mount Pleasant last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cossell of Dickerson Run, were here Sunday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Freed.

John Murray who has served the people so promptly with The Daily Courier for the past year, has resigned. His vacancy is filled by James French for the present.

Mrs. Thomas Hays and family of Scottdale, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Trimal.

Ben French of Ligonier, was here Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mardis and children visited their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Charles Christner of Bridgeport over Sunday.

The Rice school has about 15 cases of chickenpox among the pupils this past week. So far none are serious.

A new heater has been placed in the McClure school house, making it more comfortable for the pupils.

Ben Pearson has raised his house several feet, enlarged it, and now has it nicely repainted, adding much to its appearance.

FUND REACHES $6,000.

Y. M. C. A. War Work Committees Will Close Campaign This Week.

The campaign for the Y. M. C. A. war work fund here has not closed but the $6,000 mark has been passed.

The Broad Ford committee has not yet been heard from and although the other committees are doing no organized work, the contributions are still being taken. Several promised subscriptions are being collected.

Buying Goods.

Jerome Kobacker of Mount Pleasant, is in New York buying goods for Kobacker stores in Connellsville, Mount Pleasant and Greensburg.

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PARAMOUNT THEATRE

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A WORLD SPECIAL PRODUCTION IN 5 ACTS.

ALSO A RIP ROARING COMEDY

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"The Home of Clean, Clever Entertainment."

A New Company of Vaudville Artists

The Last Half of This Week.

Every Act in the Program a Complete Surprise.

The company is composed of singers and dancers, who come from the Kenyon theatre in Pittsburg, and is the best that money can procure.

Ladies and children are specially invited to attend the Saturday matinee. The admission on that day will be 5c and 10c for the matinee only.

Commencing Monday, December 10, the Soisson will open up with the first dramatic stock company that has been in Connellsville for nearly five years. The dramas will be changed twice a week. A full company of 12 people. A car load of scenery and royalty plays.

Remember, Monday, Dec 10 Full Dramatic Company.

ORPHEUM THEATRE

TODAY

A Romantic Modern Drama of the Salt Seas in "THE SEA MASTER" Featuring the Athletic Hero, WILLIAM RUSSELL.

—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—

MARGUERITE CLARK IN "BAB'S DIARY"

by Mary Roberts Rinehart. Ever get caught writing a love letter? No? Well, whether you did or not you mustn't miss dainty "Bab" getting caught in the act.

Also Billy West in "The Hobo"

ARCADE THEATRE

TODAY

LUND'S TRIANGLE GIRLS

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INDIAN HEAD WINS

Triumph Over Westmorelands in Two Out of Three Games.

The Indian Heads won two out of three from the Westmorelands last night. Tonight the Giants clash with the Westmorelands. Last night's scores:

INDIAN HEADS

P Opperman	109	108	102	319
Koehler	107	88	117	312
Keffer	118	87	128	361
Kenner	105			105
R Wilson	147	145	162	454
McGrath		175	78	178
Totals	616	551	587	1754

WEST MORELANDS

Murphy	111	120	86	317
C. Rodgers	147	106	99	352
J. Rodgers	119	107	125	351
Koelker	105	84	111	300
Snyder	141	82	113	336
Totals	630	499	534	1663

League Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Colts	2	1	.667
Indian Heads	1	2	.667
Giants	2	4	.333
Westmorelands	1	2	.333

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The Ranch at the Wolverine

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"I mean just what I said." Charlie's manner was becoming more natural, more confident. "I've been riding through the hills a good deal, and I've seen a few things. And I've an idea the fellow got a little uneasy." He saw her wince a little at the word "fellow," and he went on, with an impulsive burst of confidence: "Miss Louise, have you ever, in your riding around up above Jones canyon, in all those deep little gulches, have you ever seen anything of a—corral, up there?"

Billy Louise held herself rigidly from starting at this. She bit her lips so that it hurt. "Whereabouts is it?" she asked, without looking at him. And then: "I thought you would go to any length before you would accuse anybody."

"I would. But when they deliberately try to hand me the blame—and I'm not accusing anybody—anybody in particular, am I? The corral is at the head of a steep little canyon or gulch, back in the hills where all these bigger canyons head. Some time when you're riding up that way, you keep an eye out for it. That," he added grimly, "is where Peter and I ran across those cattle; right near that corral."

The heart of Billy Louise went heavy in her chest. Was it possible? Doubts are harder to kill than cats or snakes. You think they're done for, and here they come again, crowding close so that one can see nothing else.

"Have you any idea at all, who—it is?" She forced the words out of her dry throat. She lifted her head defiantly and looked at him full, trying to read the truth from his eyes and his mouth.

Charlie Fox met her look, and in his eyes she read pity—yes, pity for her. "If I have," he said, with an air of gently deliberate evasion, "I'll wait till I am dead before I name the man. I'm not at all sure I'd do it even then, Miss Louise; not unless I was forced to do it in self-defense. That's one reason why I brought the cattle down here. I didn't want to be placed in a position where I should be compelled to fight back."

Baffled and angry and hurt to the very soul of her, Billy Louise opened the gate and went out. "If you know anything to tell, for heaven's sake don't hold back on my account! It's nothing to me, one way or the other. I'm no rustler, and no friend of rustlers. If that's what you're hinting at." She left them with a proud lift to her chin and a very straight back, went to Blue, and mounted him mechanically. Billy Louise was "seeing red" just then. She rode back past the gate, the three were still standing there close together, talking.

Billy Louise had ridden but a short distance when, with a sudden impulse born of her stern instincts of justice, she jerked Blue around and galloped back. Charlie had disappeared, and Peter Howling Dog was walking sullenly toward the corraled cattle. Marthy was going slowly up the path to the cabin, looking old and bent and broken-spirited because of her bowed shoulders and stiff, rheumatic gait, but harsh and unyielding as to her face. Billy Louise stopped by the fence and called to her. Marthy turned, scared, at her sourly, and stood where she was.

"Wall, what d'yuh want now?" she asked uncompromisingly.

Billy Louise fought back an answering antagonism. She must be just; she could not blame Marthy for feeling hard toward her. She had insulted them horribly and killed Marthy's dog.

"I want to tell you I'm sorry I was so mean, Marthy," she said bravely. "I haven't any excuse to make for it; only you must see yourself what a shock it would be to a person to find those cattle down here. But I know you're honest, and so is Charlie. And I know you'll do what's right. I'm sorry I shot your dog, Marthy."

Apologies did not come easily to Billy Louise. She wheeled then and rode away at a furious gallop, before Marthy could do more than open her grim lips for reply.

CHAPTER XIV.

Billy Louise Gets a Surprise.

FRIGHTENED, worried, sick at heart because her crowding doubts and suspicions had suddenly developed into black certainty just when she had thought them dead forever, Billy Louise rode up the narrow, rocky gorge. She had come to have a vague comprehension of the temptation Ward must have felt. She had come to accept pityingly the possibility that the canker of old influences had eaten more deeply than appeared on the surface. She had set herself stanchly beside him as his friend, who would help him win back his self-respect. She felt sure that he must suffer terribly with that keen, analytical mind of his, when he stopped to think at all. He had no warped ethics wherewith to ease his conscience. She knew his ideas of right and wrong were as uncompromising as her own, and if he stole cattle, he did it with his eyes wide open to the wrong he was doing. And yet—

"That's bad enough, but to try and fasten evidence on someone else!" Billy Louise gritted her teeth over the treachery of it. She believed he had done that very thing. How could she help it? She had seen the corral and had seen Ward ride away from it in the dusk of the evening; or she believed she had seen him, which was the same thing. And she knew what lay behind him. Was his version of the past after all the correct one? Might not the paragraph she had burned been nothing more than the truth?

Billy Louise fought for him; fought with her stern, youthful judgment which was so uncompromising. It takes years of close contact with life to give one a sure understanding of human weakness and human endeavor.

At the ford, when Blue would have crossed and taken the trail home, Billy Louise reined him impulsively the other way. Until that instant she had not intended to seek Ward, but once her fingers had twitched the reins against Blue's neck, she did not hesitate; she did not even argue with herself. She just glanced up at the sun, saw that it was not yet noon—so much may happen in two or three hours!—and sent Blue up the hill at a lope.

She did not know what she would do or what she would say when she saw Ward.

The two mares fed dispiritedly at the lowest corner of the field, their hair rough with exposure to the winter winds and the storms, their ribs showing. With all the hay he had put up, Ward might at least keep his horses in better shape, Billy Louise censured, as she passed them by.

Farther along, Billy Louise heard a welcoming nicker and turned her head. Here came Rattler, thin-flanked and rough-coated, trotting down a shallow gulley to meet Blue. The two horses chummed together whenever Ward was at the Wolverine. Billy Louise pulled up and waited till Rattler reached her. He and Blue rubbed noses, and Blue laid back his ears and shook his head with teeth bared, in playful pretense of anger. Rattler kicked up his heels in disdain at the threat and trotted alongside them.

Billy Louise rode with puckered eyebrows. Ward might neglect his stock but he would never neglect Rattler like this. And he must be at home, since here was his horse. Or else . . .

She struck Blue suddenly with her rein-ends and went clattering up the trail where the snow lay in shaded, crusty patches rimmed with dirt. The trail was untracked save by the loose stock. Where was Ward? What had happened to him? She looked again at Rattler. There was no sign of recent saddle marks along his side, no telltale imprint of the cinch under his belly. Where was Ward?

Blind, unreasoning terror filled Billy Louise. She struck Blue again and plunged into the icy creek crossing near the stable. She stopped there just long enough to see how empty and desolate it was, and how the horses and cattle had huddled against its sheltering wall out of the biting winds; and how the door was shut and fastened so that they could not get in. She opened it and looked in, and shut it again. Then she turned and ran, white-faced, to the cabin. Where was Ward? What had happened to Ward? Thief or honest man, treacherous or true—what had happened to him?

Billy Louise saw the doorstep banked over with old, crusted snow. Her heart gave a jump and stopped still. She felt her knees shake under her. Her face seemed to pinch together, the flesh clinging close to the bones. Her whole being seemed to contract with the deadly fear that gripped her. It was like that chill morning when she had crept out of her cot and gone over to mommie's bed and had lifted mommie's hand that was hanging down. . . .

She came to herself; she was running up the creek, away from the cabin. Running and stumbling over rocks, and getting tripped with her riding skirt. She stopped, as soon as she realized what she was doing; she stopped and stood with her hands pressed hard against each side of her face, forcing herself to calmness again—or at least to sanity. She had to go back. She told herself so, many times.

So Billy Louise went back to the cabin, slowly, with shaking legs and a heart that fluttered and stopped, fluttered and jumped and stopped, and made her stagger as she walked. She reached the doorstep and stood there with her palms pressing hard against her cheeks again. "You've got to do it. You've got to!" she whispered to herself, commandingly.

She never doubted that Ward was inside. She thought she would find him dead—dead and horrible, perhaps. No other solution seemed to fit the circumstances. He was in there, dead.

It took courage to open that door, but Billy Louise had courage enough to open it, and to step inside and close the door after her. She did not look at anything in the cabin while she did it, though. She kept her eyelids down so that she only saw the floor directly in front of the door. She had a sense of relief that it looked perfectly natural, though dusty.

"Throw up your hands!" came hoarsely from the bunk. Billy Louise gasped and pulled her gun, and dropped crouching to the floor. Also she looked up.

From her crouching position she looked into Ward's fever-wild eyes. He was sitting up in the bunk, and he was pointing his big forty-five at her relentlessly. "Get up from there!" he ordered sternly. "Don't try any game like that on me, Buck Olney! Get up and go over and sit in that chair. I've got a few things to say to you."

Billy Louise somehow grasped the truth, up to a certain point. Ward was sick; so sick he didn't know her. She thought she would better humor him. She got up and went and sat in the chair as he directed.

Ward, keeping the gun pointing her way, sneered at her in a way that made the soul of Billy Louise crimple. She faced him big-eyed, too amazed at the change in him to feel any fear that he would harm her. He had whiskers two inches long. She wouldn't have known him except for his hair—and that was terribly tousled; and his eyes, though they were wild and angry. His voice was hoarse, and while he glared at her, he coughed with a hard, croupy resonance.

"So you came back, did yuh?" he asked grimly at last. "Well, you didn't get a chance to plug me in the back. How long did you lay up there on the bluff this time, waiting to catch me when I wasn't looking? I've been wishing I'd left that rope so it would have hung you, you ——!" (Billy Louise listened round-eyed to certain mansized epithets strange to her ears.)

"I suppose you and Foxy and that halfbreed have been fixing up some more evidence, huh? You figure that I can't catch 'em this time and work the brands over, so they'll stand Y6's, and I'll get railroaded to the pen. Well, you've overplayed your hand, old-timer. I let you fellows down easy, last time. I don't reckon Foxy objected much to those few I turned back to



"So You Came Back, Did Yuh?"

him; and I don't reckon you did any kicking when you found I'd cut the rope so it wouldn't hold your rotten carcass. You can't let well enough alone, though. You thought you'd raise me, did you? You thought you'd come back and try another whack at me behind my back. You knew hanged well I wasn't the kind of man that would jump the country. You knew you'd find me right here, attending to my business like I've always done.

"But you've overplayed your hand. This time I'm going to get you—and Foxy and the breed along with you. It was a rotten trick, running Y6's over Seubeck's brand. If I hadn't caught you in the act, you'd have planted them cattle where all h—l couldn't have saved me when they were found. If I hadn't caught you at it and run MK monograms over the whole cheese, I'd have been up against it for fair. So now you're going to get what's coming to yuh. I won't take any chances on your not trying it again. I'm going to protect myself right.

"You throw that gun on the bed." (Billy Louise did so, her eyes stiff upon Ward's flushed face.) "Now, get down that tablet from the shelf. Here's a pencil." He drew one from under his pillow and tossed it toward her. "Now you write the truth about all this rustling. It's a bigger thing than shows right in this neighborhood. I know that. And I know, too, that Foxy has been pulling down some on the side. He never paid for all the stock that's running around Venter and rebranded MK. I've got that sized up. Pretty smooth trick, too; a heap better than working brands. He ought to have been satisfied with that—but a crook never is satisfied. I knew he wasn't the tenderfoot he tried to make out, and when I saw some of his stock and that gate fixed to ring a bell when it was opened, I knew he was a crook. But he made a big mistake when he threw in with you, you—

"I want you to write down the truth about that Hardup deal; who was in with you. I know, all right, but I want it down on paper. And I want to know how long Foxy's been in with you, and who's working the game on the outside. Get busy; write it all down. I'll give you all the time you need; don't leave out anything. Dates and all, I want the whole graft. Don't try to get away. I've got this gun loaded to the guards, and you know I'm aching for an excuse—" He stopped and coughed again, hoarsely rackingly. Then he lay quiet, except for his rasping breath and watched.

Billy Louise, with the tablet on her trembling knees, pretended to write. From under her lashes she watched Ward curiously. She saw his attention waver, saw his eyes wander aimlessly about the room. She sat very still and waited, making scrawly marks that had no meaning at all. She saw Ward's fingers loosen on the revolver, saw his head turn wearily on the pillow. He was staring out through the window at the brilliant blue of the sky with the dazzling white cloud-drifting like bits of cotton to the north-ward. He had forgotten her.

CHAPTER XV.

The Hookin'-Cough Man.

BILLY LOUISE waited another minute or two, weighing the possibilities. She saw Ward's fingers drop away from the gun, but they remained close enough for a dangerously quick gripping of it again, if the whim seized him. Still—surely to goodness, Ward would never get crazy enough to hurt her! Perhaps her feminine assurance of her hold on him, more than her courage, kept her nerves fairly steady. She bit the pencil absently, watching him.

Ward turned his head restlessly on the pillow and coughed again. Billy Louise got up quietly, went close to the bed, and laid her hand on his forehead. His head was hot, and the veins were swollen and throbbing on his temples.

"Brave Buckaroo got a headache?" she queried softly, stroking his temples soothingly. "Got the hookin'-cough, too. Got every measly thing he can think of. Even got a grouch against the Flower of the Ranch—oh!" Her voice was crooningly soft and sweet as if she were murmuring over a sleepy baby.

Ward closed his eyes, opened them, and looked up into her face. One hand came up uncertainly and caught her fingers closely. "Wilhelmina-mine!" he said, in his hoarse voice. His eyes cleared to sanity under her touch.

Billy Louise drew a small sigh of relief and reached unobtrusively with her free hand for the gun. She slid it down away from his fingers, and when he still paid no attention, she picked it up quite openly and laid it against the footboard. Ward did not say anything. He seemed altogether occupied with the amazing reality of her presence.

"You've got a terrible cold; and from the looks of things, you've had it for about six months," said Billy Louise. Her eyes went comprehensively about that end of the cabin, with the deleted cracker box, the half-emptied boxes of peaches and tomatoes, and the buckets that were all but empty of water. She was shocked at the pitiful evidence of long helplessness. She 'd not quite understand.' Surely Ward's cold had not kept him in bed so long.

"Well, this is no time for mirth or laughter," she said briskly, to hide how close she was to hysteria, "since it looks very much like 'the morning after.' First, we've got to tackle that fever of yours." She picked up a water pail and started for the door. As she passed the foot of the bunk, she confiscated the two revolvers and took them outside with her. She had no desire to be mistaken again for Buck Olney.

When she came back Ward's eyes were wild again, and he started up in bed and glared at her. Billy Louise laughed at him and told him to lie down like a nice buckaroo, and Ward, recalled to himself by her voice, obeyed. She got the washbasin and a towel and prepared to bathe his head. He wanted a drink. And when she held a cup to his lips and saw how greedily he drank, a little sob broke unexpectedly from her lips. She gritted her teeth after it and forced a laugh.

"You're sure a hard drinker," she bantered and wet her handkerchief to lay on his brow.

"That's the first decent drink I've had for a month," he told her, dropping back to the pillow, refreshed to the point of clear thinking. "Old Lady Fortune's still playing football with me, William. I've been laid up with a broken leg for about six weeks. And when I got guy and thought I could handle myself again, I put myself out of business for a while, and caught this cold before I came to and crawled back into bed. I'm—sure glad you showed up, old girl. I was—getting up against it for fair." He coughed.

"Looks like it." Billy Louise held herself rigidly back from any emotional expression. She could not afford to "go to pieces" now. She tried to think just what a trained nurse would do, in such a case. Her hospital experience would be of some use here, she told herself. She remembered reading somewhere that no experience is valueless, if one only applies the knowledge gained.

"First," she said cheerfully, "the patient must be kept quiet and cheerful. So don't go jumping up and down on your broken leg, Ward Warren; the nurse forbids it. And smile, if it kill you."

Ward grinned appreciatively. Sick as he was, he realized the gameness of Billy Louise; what he failed to realize was the gamelessness of himself. "I'm a pretty worthless specimen right now," he said apologetically. "But I'm yours to command, Bill-the-Con! You're the doctor."

"Nope, I'm the cook, right now. I've got a hunch. How would you like a cup of tea, patient?"

"I'd rather have coffee—Doctor Wilhelmina."

"Tea, you mean. I'll have it ready in ten minutes." Then she weakened before his imploring eyes. "You really oughtn't to drink coffee, with that



She Went Down on Her Knees Beside the Bed and Cried.

fever, Ward. But, maybe if I don't make it very strong and put in lots of cream— We'll take a chance, buckaroo!"

"How much sugar, patient?" Billy Louise turned toward him with the tomato can sugar bowl in her hands.

"None. I want to taste the coffee, this trip."

"Oh, all right! It's the worst thing you could think of, but that's the way with a patient. Patients always want what they mustn't have."

"Sure—get it, too." Ward spoke between long, satisfying gulps. "How's your other patient, Wilhelmina? How's mommie?"

"Oh, Ward! She's dead—mommie's dead!" Billy Louise broke down unexpectedly and completely. She went down on her knees beside the bed and cried as she had not cried since she looked the last time at mommie's still face, held in that terrifying calm. She cried until Ward's excited mutterings warned her that she must pull herself together.

"You be s-still," she commanded brokenly, fighting for her former safe cheerfulness. "I'm all right. Pity yourself, if you've got to pity somebody. I—can stand—my trouble. I haven't got any broken leg and—hookin' cough." She managed a laugh then and took Ward's hand from her hair and laid it down on the blankets. "Now we won't talk about things any more. You've got to have something done for that cold on your lungs." She rose and stood looking down at him with puckered eyebrows.

"Mommie would say you ought to have a good sweat," she decided. "Got any ginger?"

"I dunno. I guess not," Ward muttered confusedly.

"Well, I'll go out and find some sage, then, and give you sage tea. That's another cure-all."

She did not spend all her time picking sage twigs. A bush grew at the corner of the cabin within easy reach, she went first down to the stable and fed Blue inside and unsaddled him. Ward was lying quiet when she went in, except that he was waving her handkerchief to and fro by the corners to cool it. Billy Louise took it from him, wet it again with cold water, and scolded him for getting his arms from under the covers. That, she said, was no nice way for a hookin'-cough man to do.

Ward meekly submitted to being covered to his eyes. Then he wriggled his hip free and demanded that she kiss him. Ward was fairly drunk with happiness because she was there, in the cabin.

"Ward Warren, you're a perfectly awful hookin'-cough man! There. Now that's going to be the only one—Oh, Ward, it isn't!" She knelt and curved an arm around his face and kissed him again and yet again. "I do love you, Ward. I've been a weak-kneed, horrid thing, and I'm ashamed to the middle of my bones. You're my own brave buckaroo always — always! You've done what no other man would do, and you don't whine about it; and I've been weak and—horrid; and I'll have to love you about a million years before I can quit feeling ashamed." She kissed him again with a passion of remorse for her doubts of him.

"Are you through being pals, Wilhelmina?" Ward broke rules and freed an arm, so that he could hold her closer.

"No, I'm just beginning. Just beginning right. I'm your pal for keeps. But—"

"I love you for keeps, lady mine," Ward stifled another cough. "When are you going to —marry me?"

"Oh, when you get over the hookin' cough, I s'pose." Once more Billy Louise, for the good of her patient, forced herself into safe flippancy—that was not flippant at all, but merely a tender pretense.

"Now it's up to you to show me whether you are in any hurry at all to get well," she said. "Keep your hands under the covers while I make some tea. That fever of yours has got to be stopped immediately—to once."

She went over and busied herself about the stove, never once looking toward the bed, though she must have felt Ward's eyes worshipping her.

She hunted through the cupboards and found a bottle of turpentine; stuffy and yellowed with age, but pungent with strength. She found some lard in a small bucket and melted half a cupful. Then she tore up a woolen undershirt she found hanging on a nail and bore relentlessly down upon him.

"You gotta be greased all over your lungs," she announced with a matter-of-factness that cost her something; for Billy Louise's innate modesty was only just topped by her good sense.

Ward submitted without protest while she bared his chest and applied the warm mixture with a smoothly vigorous palm. "That'll fix the hookin' cough," she said, as she spread the warm layers of woolen cloth smoothly from shoulder to shoulder. "How does it feel?"

"Great," he assured her succinctly, and wisely omitted any love making.

"Will your game leg let you turn over? Because there's some dope left, and it ought to go between your shoulders."

"The game leg ought to stand more than it will," he told her, turning slowly, as directed until she came back. She ran on. "If I hadn't got this cold tacked onto me, I'd have been trying to walk on it by now."

"Better give it time—since you've been game enough to lie here all this while and take care of it. I don't believe I'd have had nerve enough for that, Ward." She poured turpentine and lard into her palm, reached inside his collar and rubbed it on his shoulders. "Good thing you had plenty of grub handy. But it must have been awful!"

"It was pretty lonesome," he admitted laconically, and that was as far as his complainings went.

Billy Louise then poured the water off the sage leaves she had been brewing in a tin basin, carefully fished out a stem or two, and made Ward drink every bitter drop. Then she covered him to the eyes and hardened her heart against his discomfort, while she kept the handkerchief cool on his head and between times swept the floor with a carefully dampened broom and wiped the dust off things and restored the room to its most cheerful atmosphere of tidiness.

"Wan' a drink," mumbled Ward, with a blanket over his mouth and a raveled thread tickling his nose so that he squirmed.

Billy Louise went over and laid her fingers on his neck. "I can't tell whether it's grease or perspiration," she said, laughing a little. "What are you squinting up your nose for? Surely to goodness you don't mind that little, harmless raveling? If you wouldn't go on breathing, it wouldn't wriggle around so much!" Nevertheless, she plucked the tormenting thread and threw it on the floor.

"Gimme — drink," Ward mumbled again.

"There's more sage tea—"

"Waugh!"

"I suppose that means you aren't crazy about sage tea! Well, I might give you a teenty-weenty speck more of coffee. You can't have water yet, you know. You've—you've got to sweat like a nigger in a cotton patch first."

Ward grunted something and afterwards signified that he would take the coffee and call it square.

The next time she went near him he was wrinkling his lean nose because beads of perspiration were standing there and slipping occasionally down to his cheeks.

"Fine! You're two niggers in a cotton patch now," she announced cheerfully. "And Mr. Hookin' Cough will have to hunt another home, I reckon. You weren't half as hoarse when you swore last time."

It was physically impossible for Ward to blush, since he was already the color of a boiled beet; but he looked guilty when she uncovered the rest of his face and wiped off the gathered moisture. "I didn't think you'd hear," he grinned embarrassedly.

"I was listening for it, buckaroo. I'd have been scared to pieces if you hadn't cussed a little. I'd have thought sure you were going to die. A man," she added sententiously, "always has a chance as long as he's able to swear. It's like a horse wiggling his ears."

The comparison reminded her that she intended to shut Rattler in the hay corral; she dried Ward's hands hastily, pulled the wolf-skins off the bed, and commanded him to keep covered until she came back. She ran down bareheaded to the stable, saw Rattler industriously boring his nose into the stack, and put up the gate.

When she went into the cabin again, Ward gave a start and opened his eyes like one who had been dozing. Billy Louise smiled with gratification. He was better. She knew he was better. She did not speak, but went over to the stove and pretended to be busy there, though she was careful to make no noise. When she turned finally and glanced toward the bed, Ward was asleep.

Billy Louise took a deep breath, tiptoed over to the bench beside the table, sat down, and pillowed her head on her folded arms. She wanted to cry, and she needed to think, and she was deadly, deadly tired.

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—Aviators' Gloves, $1 and $1.50.
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—O. D. Sweaters, $7 and $7.50.
—First Aid Kits, $1.65 to $3.
—O. D. Sweater Vests, 65.
—Photograph Frames, 50c.
—Money Belts, $1.25.
—Safety Razor Sets, $4 to $20.
—Drinking Cups, 35c to $1.75.
—Fitall Cases, $6.50 to $10.
—Shoe Shine Outfits, 50c, 65c, 85c.

Attractive Gift Suggestions Specially Priced

For Thursday, Friday and Saturday Only

Such offers will be most gratifying to all and perhaps surprising to some who never expected to be offered direct savings on suitable holiday gifts. Prominently displayed where they may be conveniently seen and examined.

FRAMED PICTURES

Oilettes—they're called, and they are imitations of famous paintings which, when hung, look very much like the original done on a smaller scale. A variety of subjects. Size 11x14 inches. Heavy gilt frames. Actual worth $1.00 ... **59c**

FRAMED PICTURES

Another special lot of Oilettes, including pastorals and studies from life. Size 15x20 inches. Surrounded by heavy carved gilt frames. Actually worth $3.00 ... **$2.49**

WASTE BASKETS.

A substantial, good-looking basket, 12 inches deep, and decorated with a pretty rose spray. Finished in beautiful gold bronze and worthy of a place in any home. Actual $2.50 value ... **$2.00**

SERVING TRAYS.

A fine lot of imitation mahogany serving trays, 11x17 inches in size, and with brass finished handles. Imitation inlaid wood centers. Choice of various designs. Actually worth $1.75. ... **$1.25**

Gifts in Silver Are Always Warmly Received

—Silver Picture Frames, $1.25, $3 and $6.
—Silver Vases, $7. Jewel Boxes, $6
—Silver Puff Boxes and Hair Receivers, $2.50.
—Silver Shaving Sets, $9 to $13.50.
—Silver Toilet Sets, $4 to $8.
—Silver Military Brushes, $5, $5.50, $6.50, $7 set.

Fancy Christmas Candles to Dispense Good Cheer

—Pine Cone Candlesticks to retail at 35c pair.
—Birch Bark Candles to retail at 35c pair
—Oak Candles to retail at 35c pair.
—Cherry Wood Candles to retail at 35c pair.
—Mahogany Renaissance Candles, the pair 60c.
—Mahogany Short Candles to retail at 40c the pair.

Holiday Sale of Trimmed Hats

With Savings of As Much As Half



These radical reductions affect a majority of our regular stock, and offer remarkable opportunities for the purchase of beautifully styled pattern hats, ladies' street hats, and trimmed hats for misses and children. No woman should miss seeing this display for the savings offered are worth a few minutes of any woman's time.

1 Lot Pattern Hats Half Price

Certain beautiful, exclusive styles selected from our regular stock, and no two of them alike. A variety of colors and trimmings. Formerly $20, $25, $27.50 and $30. Reduced to $10, $12.50, $13.75 and $15.00.

1 Lot Trimmed Hats $4.95

Distinctive styles in metal lace, velour, velvet and hatters' plush, especially designed for ladies and misses. Chin Chin, mushroom, turban and sailor shapes. Many colors and color combinations. Formerly sold up to $7.50. Reduced to $4.95.

1 Lot Children's Hats $1.95

Hats for both misses and young girls in corduroy, velvet and plush. Some with fur and ribbon trimmings. Charming youthful styles. Formerly priced $2.50, $3.50 and $4.00. Reduced to $1.95.

Gifts of Leather Goods Are Both Appropriate and Useful

—Dressing Cases at $3.50 to $20.00.
—Collar Bags at 59c to $4.00.
—Writing Cases at $2.00 to $5.00.
—Manicure Sets at $4.00 to $6.50.
—Emergency Cases at $2.25 to $3.50.
—Medicine Cases at $1.00 and $1.50.
—Brushes at 75c to $2.50.
—Coat Hangers at $1.50 to $2.00.
—Games at $1.35.
—Books of Recipes at $1.25 to $1.50.
—Recipe Holders at 65c to $1.00.
—Holders for valuable papers, 65c to $1.00.
—Records, 65c each.
—Newspaper Clipping Holders, 65c each.
—Letter Holders, $1.25 and $1.75.
—Shopping Lists, 50c each.
—Bill Folds at $1.00 to $4.00.
—Bill Books at $2.00 to $2.50.



"The Stockings Were Hung By The Chimney With Care"

For children, the pleasure of hanging up stockings is equaled only by that of finding them well filled by Santa Christmas morning. The Wright-Metzler Toy Section offers opportunities which Mr. and Mrs. Santa will not find elsewhere.

TOYLAND

Bring the children to Toyland and let them decide just what they want the very very most. Here are a few suggestions.

—Flexible Flyer Sleds, $1.25 to $3.00.
—Dolls, 25c to $6 each.
—Doll Carriages, $1 to $15 each.
—Doll Beds, $1.50 to $3.00, according to size.
—Shoo Flys, 75c to $2.
—Toy Stockings, to sell at 25c to $1.25
—Teddy Bears, at 69c to $1.25 each.
—Kiddie Kars, at $1.00 to $2.75 each.
—Mechanical Trains that run on tracks, $1.50 to $3.

Gifts of Brass and Bronze Will Fill Many a Decided Want

—Brass Smoking Stands, $2 to $5.
—Brass Tobacco Jars, $1.50 to $5.
—Brass Smoking Sets, $4.50 to $10.
—Brass Ash Trays, 75c to $3.50.
—Brass Candlesticks, $1.50 to $2.25.
—Brass Trays, $1.50 to $2.25.
—Brass Ink Wells, $1.75 to $3.
—Brass Pen Wipers, 50c each.
—Brass Paper Weights, 90c.
—Brass Candle Lamps, $4.50.
—Brass Reading Lamps, $14.
—Brass Reading Lamps with smoker attachments, $22.50.
—Brass Letter Holders, $1.65.
—Book Consoles, $4.50 and $5 pair.
—Bronze Figures—"Roman Bison" $6; "Dad's Pipe" $3; "Girl With Parasol" $4; "Contentment" $5.

The Sale of Women's Winter Apparel Goes Busily On

Growing in momentum and patronage each day as more and more women learn of the wonderfully attractive economies that await them here. Every garment affected is taken from our own regular stocks. No special purchases or soiled sample garments.



—Choice of any Suit in stock, **One-Fourth Off.**
—One lot Coats, up to $25 values, **Choice $17.95.**
—One lot Coats, up to $35 values, **Choice $23.95.**
—One lot Coats, up to $49.75 values, **Choice $37.95.**

Men's Suits and Overcoats That Set the Fashion



"Like a coat I saw down at Wright-Metzlers"—is an expression you frequently hear, and nine out of ten times the coat came from this store. Headquarters for snappy, individual styles, hand tailored for us by the world's foremost makers.

$15, $20, $25, $30, $35

For Clothes That Fit and Give Good Service

Society Brand Clothes for young men and men who stay young. Michaels Stern and Hirsh Wickwire clothes for men more conservative in dress. The season's newest patterns and colorings. A proper fit for all.

See Our Display of Boys' Suits and Overcoats, the Quality Kind, $3.50 to $15.

A Christmas SALE of Fancy Turkish Towels

Announced by the Art Needlework Section for Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. Save 25% or one-fourth the price today on every purchase. These towels were contracted for twelve months ago direct from the mill—the only thing that makes these prices possible.

Medium size, full bleached, hemmed towels, plain and Jacquard weave with colored borders and stripes. Worth 8c to 10c more. ... **29c**

Fancy Turkish Towels of good weight. Beautiful designs in pink, yellow and blue. Many styles. Worth 50c each. ... **39c**

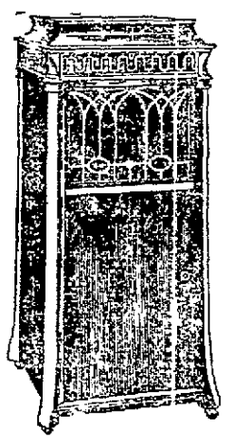
Full size fancy Turkish Towels in plain and Jacquard weaves with bars, stripes and colored borders. Worth 65c to 75c. ... **59c**

One Lot Little Girls' Winter Coats Reduced

Included in this special lot are neat youthful styles in Corduroy, Chinchilla, Plush, Broadcloth and mixtures. Big, protective coats mostly with belts and pockets. They come in good variety of colors and trimmings. All sizes 2 to 6 years. None over six years. Early choosers will not be disappointed.

$5.00 Coats Reduced to $3.75
$10.00 Coats Reduced to $7.50
$2.95 Coats Reduced to $2.25
$3.95 Coats Reduced to $2.95

THE NEW EDISON



is unlike any other instrument you have heard

The new Edison actually re-creates all forms of vocal and instrumental music with such fidelity that the human ear cannot distinguish which is the artist's rendition and which the new Edison's re-creation of it.

The New Edison may be chosen in a sufficient variety of popular finishes to please any taste and to match up with any decorative scheme.

Select Your New Edison Before January First

After January first, the NEW EDISON will cost you more than the present selling price, as the Edison Laboratories have announced an advance in prices effective on that date.

These Are the Gifts Men Like and Most Men Need

—Initial Belts, all letters, $1.00 each.
—Flannel Shirts, grey, tan, or blue, $1.25 to $4.
—Dress Gloves, $2 to $6 the pair.
—Woolen Gloves, 65c to $1.25 pair.
—Auto Gloves, some fur lined, $2 to $6 pair.
—Umbrellas, silk or cotton, $1.25 to $6.
—Cotton and lisle sox, 15c, 25c, 35c.
—Silk Sox, 60c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50.
—Cashmere Sox, 50c and 75c. Heavy woolen sox, 35c.
—Cotton Union Suits, $1.50 to $2.50. Woolen, $3 to $7.
—Leather Pocket Books and Bill Books, 50c to $2.50.
—Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c to 35c. Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c.
—Silk Neckwear, 25c to $2.50. Knit Nickwear, 65c, $1.50, $2, $3.
—Manhattan Shirts, soft cuffs, $2 to $10.
—Traveling Bags and Cases, $3.50 to $20.

For the Week-End Only These Special Prices on GROCERIES

—3 bottles of Ammonia for 25c.
—3 boxes Fould's Macaroni for 25c.
—3 boxes Fould's Spaghetti for 25c.
—3 cans Dutch Cleanser for 25c.
—6 cakes Swift's Price Soap for 25c.
—5 cakes Fels Naptha Soap for 30c.
—5 cakes P. & G. Naptha Soap for 30c.
—5 cakes Ivory Soap for 30c.
—2 lb. box Wright-Metzler Baking Powder, 25c
—1 lb. Wright-Metzler Special Coffee for 25c.
—1 large can Hunt's Peaches for 20c.
—1 large can White Cherries for 27c.
—1 lb. Halco Coffee for 25c.
—1 can Tomato Soup for 10c.
—1 lb. Hotel Astor Rice for 10c.
—1 lb. can of Crisco for 30c.
—3 boxes Quaker Corn Flakes for 25c

This is the Store for Army and Navy Yarns

—Red Cross knitters will find plenty of olive drab (khaki). Navy League workers will find plenty of oxford grey. Those knitting for themselves or for gifts will find all shades desirable for women's and children's garments. Priced exceptionally low at 50c ball—$1.00 the bank.

New Gift Suggestions Found in Art Pottery

—Vases, four different styles, to retail at $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00.
—Hanging Baskets to sell at $2.00.
—Jardinieres, 4 different styles, at $3.00
—Candlesticks, 2 different styles, at $1.50.
—Flower and Fern Boxes to retail at $5.00.

WARM BATH ROBES

The Kinds Suitable for Gifts for Men and Boys



Neat attractive patterns and striking color combinations in big enveloping robes complete with tasseled ropes. Choice of Terry or Beacon Cloth.

—Men's sizes, $4 to $15.
—Boys' sizes, $3.50 and $4.

Men's and Boys' Slippers

—Men's Slippers in many styles, both in kid and in felt, ranging in price from $1.75 to $2.50.
—Boys' Slippers, both kid and felt, in a complete range of sizes at $1.50 and $1.75.

Our Stock of Xmas Neckwear the Finest

Never before, even at this store, was there such a fine array of brand new Christmas Neckwear. Choice patterns and colorings in silk at 25c to $2.50. Knit Ties, 65c to $3.00